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Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you have had a wonderful Summer. As we approach the beginning of term, I am writing with a few bits of key information. Please read through this letter carefully.

Start of Term this week:

- Year 7 will begin on Wednesday 6th September at 8:30am.
- Year 12 will begin on Tuesday 5th September at 1pm and will then have a 2 hour induction session on Wednesday 6th September. Their first full day will be on Thursday 7th September.
- All other year groups (including Year 13) will begin on Thursday 7th September at 8:30am as normal.

I would like to reassure parents that as our school was built in the 2000s, there is no RAAC concrete for parents, carers or students to be concerned about. **We will be fully open as normal.**

Punctuality and Uniform in September:

As I explained in July, we have been reviewing our systems around punctuality and uniform to ensure that all members of our school community meet our high expectations. **The school day starts at 8:30am and the gates will therefore be locked promptly at 8:30am.** We recommend that **students arrive in school at 8:20am** to be sure that they will be on time and avoid a detention.

We are also working to improve some students' punctuality to lessons, and from next week, any student who is late to class will be sanctioned with a short detention at lunchtime. Any student who does not attend the lunchtime detention will be expected to attend an after school detention of 30 minutes. Parents will be informed, as normal, of any after school detentions that your child is required to sit.

Regarding uniform, please ensure that your child is equipped with the correct uniform. Trainers are not allowed. We recommend purchasing more than one school tie, as these often go missing. Families who are struggling with the cost of uniform should contact their child's Year Leader who may be able to help.

If students arrive at school wearing incorrect uniform, they will be taken to Student Services where they will be asked to borrow missing items. Parents and carers will be notified when this happens.

Dropping off Students

We are served by a very good bus route and recommend that students either walk or take a bus to school. However, if you do drop your child off at school, I must insist that you do not drop them off in Surry Crescent, the small estate next to the petrol station. We have received a significant number of

complaints about this from residents. [This is not a drop off zone for the school.](#) Can I also remind you to please take care when parking on Ferrymead Avenue, avoiding double parking, blocking driveways and parking on the pavements.

Free School Meals:

If your child was in receipt of free school meals at primary school and you have not re-registered since they started attending secondary school, please ensure you re-register via the Ealing Council website [here](#). If your circumstances have changed, then please also apply for free school meals in the same way [here](#). As we operate a PIN number system for meals in school, no child is ever made to feel different for having free meals, as they are served in exactly the same way as children who pay for their meals. We have many students in the school who benefit from free meals each day.

Satchel One App:

If you have not already done so, please download the Satchel One app onto your phone so that you can access your child's homework and receive notifications about Character Points they may receive. Instructions about how to download the app can be found on the recent letter sent out to parents [on the website here](#). Please make this a priority, so this is in place for their first day back in school.

Once again, thank you in advance for your support this year.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs M Pye
Headteacher