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Dear parents and carers,

Following the news about RAAC at John Mason School, you may already be aware all JMF6 lessons will be held at Fitzharrys School until further clarification of building mitigations at John Mason School.

Our priority over the weekend and this morning has been to ensure arrangements are in place so that the learning in our sixth form is disrupted as little as possible. From tomorrow all JMF6 lessons will run, with the lessons normally taught at John Mason being accommodated on our site at Fitzharrys.

Therefore, I am writing to clarify the arrangements for JMF6 students for this week:

- Students should arrive at the Fitzharrys JMF6 common room in the morning. From here they will find out their tutor room for the week, and the rooms for their lessons. The timetable for the week will be displayed and available to students throughout the week. We will also email them a copy in due course.
- There will be support from the JMF6 pastoral team on site, with staff in the sixth form office, common room, plus two additional spaces in the school. Details of these will be confirmed with students tomorrow.
- Due to there not being enough communal space for all sixth formers at one site, students may go home after lessons until further notice, and then return for afternoon registration and other lessons. For those students who have 'trapped time', travel by public transport, or travel a substantial distance, supervised study spaces will be made available to them for quiet study between lessons. Students will be informed of their location tomorrow.
- Vulnerable students will be contacted and supported to ensure they have a supervised space to work in.
- Students should be aware that some John Mason staff may be late to lessons if they are teaching a class at John Mason School the lesson before. Students should not assume they have not turned up. Any staff absence will be communicated fully to students.
- Increased numbers of Chromebooks will be on site to facilitate private study in key sixth form spaces. Students will be directed to these areas by JMF6 staff.
- As currently, JMF6 students should not park on the school site. We ask that if they do drive, they park away from the school, including away from the green area outside the school. This is to reduce congestion at the beginning and end of the day, and to be considerate of residents in the area.



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- Students who cycle can use the sixth form bike sheds to lock their bikes. These are situated behind the common room.
- All students will be able to purchase food at break and lunch at Fitzharrys. The Abingdon Learning Trust catering team will ensure payment is taken from accounts in the usual way. For this to happen all students must have their ID badges with them. Therefore, accounts should be topped up in the usual way.

I am working closely with Mrs Preston and Mr West to ensure that lessons run properly and disruption to JMF6 students is minimised. Staff at John Mason School are receiving key information and resources to ensure a smooth transition.

As things stand, this arrangement will certainly run for this week. I will be in touch when we have further details for next week. If you have any queries, please email them to jcooke@fitzharrys.school or telephone reception at Fitzharrys on 01235 520698.

Thank you for your support and patience with the adaptations we are making.

Yours sincerely,



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