



4 September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

In this letter: adjustments to uniform for this week
canteen provision this week
Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC)

I hope this finds you and your families well and no doubt we are all ready for school routines to begin. We are very much looking forward to welcoming students back this week. Reminder:

When is my child returning to school?

The return to school will be staggered.

Date of Return	Year group to return	Time
Tuesday 5 September	7,11,12 and 13 only Photographs for Year 7,12,13	Through the gates by 8:30
Wednesday 6 September	All year groups 7-13	

Adjustments to uniform this week

In light of the hot weather forecast for **this week**, blazers are not required. **Year 7 have their school photograph tomorrow so we ask Year 7 to bring their blazer with them.**

If your child has PE on their timetable this week, they may wear their PE kit to school

Reminder: Year 7 students do not need to bring their PE kit tomorrow on their first day of school.

Please ensure your child/ren has a water bottle.

Limited canteen provision this week - please bring a packed lunch

During Term 6 the school suffered a catastrophic electrical failure following the storm during the weekend of 10 June which cut off Pill village. As a result, the school has been undertaking significant investigative work to fix the resulting faults which are extensive. Despite being fully tested during the break, a new failure has occurred affecting the canteen. **As a precaution, we ask that families provide snacks and a packed lunch this week as the canteen will be operating a limited service.**

RAAC

You will have seen in the media the recent issues around Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC) in school buildings. We appreciate the concern this may raise, and please be reassured that we will always prioritise the safety of your children and our staff. We do not have any confirmed RAAC in our buildings and have not been asked to close any areas. However, we want to take care and to be sure, and are currently working with the DfE to actively check whether RAAC has been used in the construction of any part of our buildings that we have not already assessed. If RAAC is identified, we will let you know straight away, and put any necessary contingencies in place.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Yours sincerely



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Justin Humphreys', written in a cursive style.

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