

6th September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for your patience and messages of support since we wrote to you last week regarding changes to the beginning of the academic year due to the presence of RAAC in one of our buildings. As you know, the affected building contains 18 classrooms (Maths, Art, IT), all of our catering facilities and some staff workspaces which has reduced our capacity and has consequently led to the difficult decision to introduce home learning for some of our students this week on a rotational basis.

We have been working closely with the Department for Education to source temporary accommodation to increase our capacity and ensure that as many students as possible can return to on-site learning. This has been logistically challenging but, over the last few days, we have secured several contractors to visit our site and are awaiting plans.

Unfortunately, we have been left with no choice other than to implement a two week rota for on-site and home learning at this time. In line with DfE guidance we have prioritised Year 11 and 13 students and have also made the decision to keep Year 7 students in school.

Please see below details for the following two weeks;

Date	On-site learning	Home learning*
WB 11th September	Year 7, 9, 11,12, 13	Year 8, 10
WB 18th September	Year 7, 8, 10, 11, 13	Year 9, 12

**We have attached to this letter home learning guidance for parents and carers*

As per our guidance last week we will only be able to cater for students in receipt of free school meals. A very limited range of snacks and drinks will be available for purchase at break time but we advise all students to bring a packed lunch with them each day. Students will have access to water refill stations as usual.

Arrangements for students in receipt of free school meals:

Thursday 7th & Friday 8th September: Students who are learning from home are invited to come and pick up a packed lunch from 1.30-2.00pm from the Sports Hall side entrance.

Arrangements from WB 11th September: Students who are learning from home are invited to come and pick up a food parcel that will contain a weekly food supply. This food parcel will be available to collect on Monday 11th September from our main reception between the hours of 9.00am-3.00pm.

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HIGH SCHOOL

The staff at Roding Valley High School are devastated not to be able to welcome all of our students into school and we are working extremely hard to secure demountable facilities to temporarily replace those in the closed building, so that every student can return to site as soon as possible.

Simultaneously, we have contracted surveyors to assess the work required so that the affected areas can be returned to use as quickly as possible once we are fully confident it is safe to do so. While this work is ongoing, we are liaising closely with the Department for Education, and will be keeping parents updated regularly on developments.

Thank you once again for your patience and understanding in this matter. We will write to you again with further updates regarding the timeline for the installation of demountable facilities.

Yours sincerely

Mr D Charlton
Headteacher

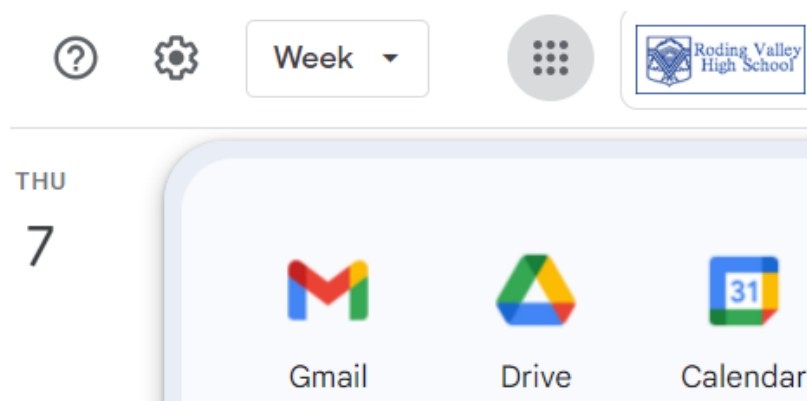


Online Lessons Guidance Sheet for Parents

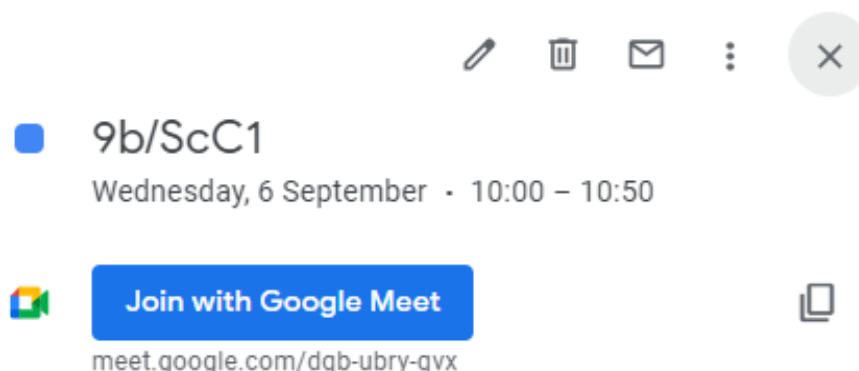
We are pleased to welcome your child to a new academic year. Although having some of our students at home is far from ideal, we have responded as quickly as possible to the Department for Education's directive to minimise any disruption to their education. Our teachers have a wealth of resources and expertise available to them to enable high quality teaching and learning, whether online or in-person, so we are approaching this as an unexpected opportunity to help develop student's digital skills and for them to become better independent learners, benefiting them well into their adult lives.

Key information to get the most out of Online Lessons:

- 1) **Online Lessons will be found on Google Calendar as per your child's timetable.** After signing into the school email, clicking on the menu button (9 dots) allows switching to Google Calendar.



Within the calendared lesson event, clicking on the “**Join with Google Meet**” button will open up a video session.





- 2) **Students should wait in the 'lobby' for a maximum of 10 mins** until the teacher joins - please be aware that teachers will often need to move to another location of the school site before starting an Online Lesson.
- 3) **Lessons will be a maximum of 50 mins long** to provide students with a short break from continuous screen usage.
- 4) **Computers/laptops are preferred over mobile phones**, to enable the best access to full-screen content.
- 5) **Expectations of work to be done will be shared by the teacher** e.g. in subject exercise books or online submissions etc.
- 6) **Attendance is vital** to ensure students gain key knowledge and skills in line with the curriculum. Teachers will be taking registers during the lesson and students are expected to engage for the full lesson duration.
- 7) **Behaviour must be exemplary** to support everyone's learning. Please watch this video which explains our [Live lesson etiquette](#).
- 8) **Home Learning (homework) assignments will be set as normal** for students to complete in their own time. Parents are able to see all assignments due on Edulink.

Here is a guide for helping your child stay safe online - <https://parentsafe.lgfl.net/>

If there are any issues regarding access to a laptop/chromebook or internet, please contact amiah@rodingvalley.net at your earliest convenience.

