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Thursday 7th September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for your patience following our delayed opening to school this term. The team at Aston Manor Academy have been working incredibly hard over the last few days to ensure that we can have students back in school learning from next week, and that the site is secure and safe.

Year 7 to begin school on Monday 11th September at 10.00am. (Separate letter will be sent)

Whole school return on Tuesday 12th September

8.45am – Year 7 enter through Phillips Street entrance

9.00am – Year 8 enter through Phillips Street entrance -Year 11 enter through Upper Sutton Street

9.15am - Year 9 enter through Phillips Street entrance

9.15am – Year 10 enter through Upper Sutton Street

Sixth form return on Monday 18th September (Separate letter will be sent)

As you are aware, in line with DFE guidance, parts of the school building containing RAAC concrete have had to close after this type of material has recently been deemed unsafe. Emergency meetings have been held with the DFE, in order to create contingency plans to ensure that the building can be opened safely. The areas of the school found to contain RAAC are as follows:

- the music block, including PE changing rooms and storage areas
- the main hall, canteen, and kitchen
- The entrance foyer area, admin block and staffroom.
- Three classrooms contained in our I.T suite

Any RAAC found in Aston Manor Academy site is contained in the roof concrete of these areas, however as a safety precaution, any classrooms that are below these roofed areas, have also been closed. I would like to reassure you that a full survey has been completed across the school and RAAC is not present in any other areas of the school.

Due to the large area of the school site that has had to be closed, we have had to relocate all 250 students in our sixth form and staff to another building within a short walk. The building is a brand-new learning space which is the NCATI building on Lister Street, Aston. Sixth form will receive a separate letter with details of their opening and operating arrangements.





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Although a large area of the school has been closed, the relevant external agencies have agreed that we can safely accommodate all KS3 and KS4 pupils back on site and provide all students with meals as from next week. We have arranged for food to be prepared off site and brought on to school premises by our canteen staff, although we will have a limited menu initially. We plan to widen the menu in the upcoming weeks.

A large dining space/seating area has been arranged under the canopy in the quad area, we are able to heat this area if this is still needed when the weather turns colder but is sufficient whilst the weather is currently fine.

Portacabins/temporary learning spaces have been ordered, and we aim for these to be on site by October half-term, these will also contain extra PE changing rooms.

Due to the current constraints of the school building we will be introducing temporary procedures to accommodate the flow of children around the school building.

We have had to close the main entrance to the school building on Phillips Street, students can still enter the school from the top entrance on Upper Sutton Street from 8.20am. In addition, there will be a temporary student entrance through the staff car park on Phillips Street. This will only be accessible from 8.30am to 8.45am. Students who want to access our breakfast club can access the school through the school main reception, this will be in D4a from 8.00am.

I would like to reassure you that all areas of the school containing RAAC have been boarded or locked securely and will not be accessible to students, our amended fire evacuation plans have been approved to ensure we meet all health and safety regulations.

Thank you for your support during this challenging time.

If you have any concerns or questions about our return to school or our contingency arrangements, then please contact main reception or email enquiry@astonmanoracademy.com

Your sincerely,

J Sweeney
Headteacher

