



# Ramsey Grammar School

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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you are all well.

As you know we have been trying out a variety of platforms to communicate with and teach your children online during this pandemic. After trialling a number of methods we have settled on Zoom as being the most effective way to deliver lessons on line, and to communicate with groups of students. We have completed the necessary impact assessment audit to ensure that we have identified all the issues surrounding the use of data, and have updated our privacy notice on the school website in preparation for rolling this out across the school.

The Zoom platform was under close scrutiny in recent weeks, and has now addressed the concerns that were raised about it in relation to security. Details of their assurances can be found here:

[https://blog.zoom.us/wordpress/2020/03/27/best-practices-for-securing-your-virtual-classroom/?\\_ga=2.106089219.1069986929.1585673784-223714122.1585561196](https://blog.zoom.us/wordpress/2020/03/27/best-practices-for-securing-your-virtual-classroom/?_ga=2.106089219.1069986929.1585673784-223714122.1585561196)

Zoom provides an opportunity for us to deliver lessons or parts of lessons in real time. The delivery of some or all lessons online is something we will need to do until normal service is resumed in our schools. Indeed, many of us feel that we would like to continue to develop the use of videoconferencing to enrich and develop the variety of our teaching when the pandemic is over.

In order to use Zoom with all students we need your consent; I would be grateful if you would provide this on the online form available through the link below:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdvpeQqLhPEdM3J-70Zq13694Rban6vHTQ3jO1YIRPO8Krk5Q/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdvpeQqLhPEdM3J-70Zq13694Rban6vHTQ3jO1YIRPO8Krk5Q/viewform?usp=sf_link)

When we have received everyone's consent, we will issue a protocol for all users prior to it being rolled out across the school.

Yours sincerely

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