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Dear Parents/Carers

You may have heard in the news information regarding schools whose buildings contain Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC). I am writing to inform you that CCHS is one of those schools whose buildings are affected and we have been working hard with the Department for Education and structural engineers to ensure this is made safe before the children return to school and unfortunately, there are some ongoing issues with certain areas of the school estate and we are unable to open some areas of the school, which means this impacts on our ability to accommodate all of our students in time for the planned return to school dates.

Following a conversation this afternoon between the Sigma Trust and the Department for Education, for the safety of all members of the school community, I am writing to inform you that as a consequence of unexpected additional remedial work, the decision has been taken to delay and amend the return to school dates for students. I can now confirm the arrangements for next week.

- Monday, 4th September - School will be closed for all year groups.
- Tuesday 5th September – School will be open for year 7 only starting at 8.45am. Students can arrive on site from 8.15am. All other year groups will follow their normal timetable and teachers will deliver live online lessons.
- Wednesday 6th until Friday 8th September – school will be open for year 7 and year 11 only. Years 8 – 10 will follow their normal timetable and teachers will deliver live online lessons.

To access your child's timetable please log on to [Arbor](#). Please follow this [link](#) for instructions on how to do this and our expectations re student code of conduct for online learning.

All online lessons will be delivered via Google classroom. If you or your child have any issues accessing IT or logging on, there will be drop-in clinics available on Monday, 4th September and Tuesday, 5th September between 9.00 and 11.00am, when you can seek to resolve any IT concerns with school staff. This could include arrangements for a short-term loan of a device or resetting any passwords.

As the situation changes we will make communications with our parents our absolute priority so that you are fully aware of the remedial progress to the buildings.

We will update you again for week commencing 11th September once we have more information.

Once again, our sincere apologies for this unavoidable inconvenience to our students' education and thank you again for your understanding and support.

Kind regards

Neil Gallagher
Executive Headteacher