



# Ian Ramsey Church of England Academy

Head Teacher: Mr B. Janes BSc Hons, NPQH  
Executive Head Teacher: Mrs G. Booth BA Hons, M.Ed.



Our Ref: BJ/JC

9<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Dear Parents/Carer,

## RE: Curriculum Update

In planning for 2020/2021, we have updated our curriculum to ensure when pupils return, they continue to be fully supported. The changes made will enable the delivery of a broad and balanced curriculum to meet the needs of all learners.

Firstly, we have adapted the banding and grouping of pupils. This means your child may be in a different band and/or group. We plan our curriculum to meet the individual needs of pupils and, any changes made have been done in consultation with pastoral and SEND staff. For GCSE English, we have increased the number of groups to allow smaller, more targeted classes to support pupils by adding a fourth group in each band.

Moreover, we have moved to two teaching bands in both mathematics and science. Unlike most subjects, these subjects have two tiers of entry at GCSE: higher and foundation. Consequently, in maths and science, pupils will be taught in one of two bands. Both bands will contain 5 classes to increase the number of groups to target teaching, particularly at GCSE.

### Current structure:

L	S	G
1	1	1
2	2	2
3	3	3

Total of 9 groups

### New curriculum structure: mathematics and science

X	Y
1	1
2	2
3	3
4	4
5	5

Total of 10 groups

As a result, where there were once three set 1 groups, containing approximately 90 pupils, there are now two groups containing approximately 60 pupils. This is not a reflection of pupils' ability or our expectations of what pupils should achieve, but how we will organise pupils to reach their full potential.



Ian Ramsey CE Academy, Fairfield Road, Fairfield, Stockton-on-Tees, TS19 7AJ  
Tel: 01642 585205 Email: enquiries@ianramsey.org.uk

Dayspring Trust is a company limited by guarantee (company number 8310825) and exempt charity registered in England and Wales.  
Registered Office: Tunstall Bank, Sunderland, Tyne and Wear, SR2 0SX

In these uncertain times we remember that some difficulties overwhelm the strongest of people but, we should take comfort in God:

*'those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary; they will walk and not be faint'.*

**- Isaiah 40:31**

In this challenging time, I thank you for your continued support. We look forward to pupils returning in the Autumn term. We are planning to return in September and, if any new information is released, we will update you so we can return safely, placing the welfare of staff and pupils and the centre of all decisions.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "B. Janes". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "B" and a clear "Janes" following.

Mr B. Janes  
Headteacher