



20th September 2023

Dear prospective parents

Re: Vyners Open Evening Cancellation

It is with great regret that after careful consideration we have taken the decision to cancel our annual open evening this year as well as the planned open mornings. As outlined in my letter dated 18th September, a recent survey of the school has revealed the existence of reinforced autoclaved aerated concrete (RAAC) in areas of school site, which has meant that we have had to close and secure these areas. The surveyor's report also states that the interior of the school hall and canteen roof have the characteristics of RAAC, which has meant that this area will also be closed, at least until a full inspection has been completed by the Department for Education (DfE). It should be noted that Vyners will not be added to the official list of schools with confirmed cases of RAAC until it is inspected by the DfE

Whilst we have been able to reopen the school to all students with some mitigations, we are unable to reasonably host an event such as an open evening. I understand that this will come as a great disappointment to many parents and carers of pupils in Year 6 as well as those in Year 5 with EHCPs; we very much appreciate just how important it is to be able to make a fully informed choice about each child's secondary school place. We will ensure that guidance materials are made available remotely via the school website, including a tour of the school, Headteacher's talk and subject specific materials. These will be made available on the school website by Wednesday 11th October.

I sincerely apologise for any inconvenience caused. We are incredibly disappointed and frustrated by the circumstances that we currently find ourselves in and we hope to be able to welcome as many families to the school at some time in the future.

Yours sincerely

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