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Dear Parent / Carer

Parent and Carer Information Evenings

Following our Parents' / Carers' Information Evenings on September 7th and September 13th, I am writing to say how pleasing it was to see such a large number of parents and carers in attendance. Quite a lot of issues were raised on those nights and I certainly found it helpful to have your input as to how we can move forward as a school community and improve the quality of education for the children of Ripley.

For those who couldn't make it to the two meetings, some of the key issues raised were problems with contacting school, concerns over split classes and issues relating to the times of Parents' Consultation Evenings.

In response to the issues raised the following actions have been taken:

- We have reviewed some of our communication systems within school and will be reviewing these on a regular basis. Can I also point out though that should you wish to contact me then I am available for appointments every Thursday from 3 pm until 5pm?
- With regard to split classes, every student who has more than one teacher for either English or Maths now has a designated lead teacher who is responsible for the progress of that class as well as being the main teacher with regards to reports, assessments and Parents Evenings. I would also like to reassure parents that students in split classes follow exactly the same programmes of study as students with single teacher classes.
- We have recently consulted staff regarding the timings of Parent/Carer Evenings and have changed our start time to 4pm with a 7pm finish. A letter will follow providing more information regarding this.

Once again, I would like to thank you for your input at the Parents' / Carers' Information Evenings and offer a reminder that the next event is on Thursday 19th October at 6pm in The Hive.

In the meantime, if there are any concerns or issues you would like to raise then feel free to contact crobson@ripleyacademy.org to arrange an appointment.

Yours sincerely

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