



# The Ripley Academy and Sixth Form

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Dear Parents and Carers

## School Re-opening Update

I wanted to write to you today by way of update on school closure and planned re-opening.

### Year 11 and Year 13

These cohorts have completed their courses and await the awarding of grades from the exam boards which will be issued on Thursday 13th August 2020 for Year 13 and Thursday 20th August 2020 for Year 11. We will write to you shortly with details of the operation of results days. Year 11 students will also continue to receive support and guidance on transition to their post 16 routes. I am committed to a leaving 'event' to celebrate time at the school once we know that it is safe to do so.

### Year 10 and Year 12

If you have a child in Year 10 or Year 12, Mr de Rijk will have kept you fully informed of the teaching programmes that we have in place for these year groups. I am very pleased with how the students have conducted themselves upon returning to school, respecting all of the health and safety measures that we have put into place all whilst demonstrating a steely determination to get caught up with any work missed. Teachers have enjoyed having students back in their classrooms and all report very positive experiences. I very much hope that these small steps back to a full return can be built upon in the weeks ahead.

### Years 7 to 9

We are planning for the return of all students in September and I am expecting the government to publish detailed expectations and guidance in the next week. I shall write to you as soon as I have more details with respect to this. However, we would like to start to make some pastoral contact with a small number of students in Years 7 to 9 before we break for the summer through their Head of House. Whilst this provision is primarily for identified students, if you believe your child would benefit from a support meeting in school, please contact us via [enquiries@ripleyacademy.org](mailto:enquiries@ripleyacademy.org) and a member of our pastoral team will contact you with further information. Places will be limited in accordance with government guidance and our risk assessment. In the meantime, I hope all Year 7-9 students are benefitting from their Teams assemblies, lessons and tutor time. I do not underestimate the maturity and resolve that it has taken this group of students to get themselves through to this point in the year and I am exceptionally impressed by what I have seen. Year 9 have now started their GCSE courses which I hope will have added some extra impetus to their studies.

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**Free School Meals**

The DfE has confirmed to us today that the Covid Summer Food Fund is available to provide support where needed to Year 11 and Year 13 pupils who were confirmed as eligible and claiming benefits-related free school meals during the summer term, regardless of if they remain registered at the school. Please contact the Head of School if you have any queries with respect to retaining vouchers over the summer term.

**Uniform**

In my planning for a full return in September, unless I am advised to the contrary, students will be expected to be in full school uniform. You will shortly be issued with a school uniform and equipment checklist.

**Children of Key Workers**

The school remains fully open for children of key workers and vulnerable children as it has been since the end of March. In order to book a place for your child, please contact Mrs Maycock before 4pm on the day prior to the booking request on [dmaycock@ripleyacademy.org](mailto:dmaycock@ripleyacademy.org).

I shall continue to keep you informed of any further developments and I still look forward to the day when we are all back together as the Ripley Academy family.

Yours sincerely



Mrs L J Walton  
Executive Headteacher