



The Ripley Academy and Sixth Form

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Dear Parent / Carer

I am writing to express my thanks for your support in ensuring that our start of term has been a successful one.

Students over the last two and a half weeks have excelled themselves in meeting our uniform and conduct expectations and in re-integrating themselves back into school life after what has been quite a long absence. They have returned to a school that is quite different in terms of break and lunch time arrangements as well as one-way systems and other alterations that we have made due to Coronavirus restrictions. Students have been excellent in adapting to and keeping to these new arrangements.

School attendance has been above 95% so far this academic year, and this is significantly above the 88% national figure that has been reported in the media. Again, I would like to thank you for your faith in our ability to provide a Covid-safe learning environment for your child.

It is clear that the national picture regarding the Coronavirus is looking increasingly bleak. With this in mind can I ask that you help re-inforce our students' need to follow our health and safety systems, maintain social-distancing, continue with good hand hygiene (including bringing in their own hand sanitiser) and continue to attend in the knowledge that the educational benefits of being in school far outweigh any health risks.

Finally, I'd like to remind parents that we are not able to accept cash in school for topping up student lunch accounts and so these accounts would need to be topped up using Parentpay. This will allow our catering facilities to continue to run smoothly.

Once again I would like to thank you for your support in the education of your child and if you have any queries or concerns then please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Yours faithfully

Mr J de Rijk

Head of School

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