



# The Ripley Academy and Sixth Form



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Dear Parent / Carer

## UPDATE TO SCHOOL CORONAVIRUS GUIDANCE.

I hope you have had a healthy and happy break this Christmas and may I take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy New Year.

Students will be returning to school on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January and I would like to provide you with an update regarding recent changes to Covid-19 School guidance. You will already be aware from Miss Scattergood's letter prior to Christmas that we will be testing all consenting students on the first two days of their return.

The isolation period for people who record a positive PCR test result for COVID-19 has now been reduced to 7 days. Students who are isolating can now take 2 LFD tests 24 hours apart on day 6 and day 7 of their self-isolation period. If they receive two negative test results and do not have a high temperature then they are no longer required to complete 10 full days of self-isolation. Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests will need to complete the full 10-day period of self-isolation.

Students who are identified as a close contact of someone with COVID-19, should take an LFD test every day for seven days and continue to attend school as normal, unless they have a positive test result or develop symptoms at any time.

Finally, there has been updated guidance on the use of face coverings in school. From the start of term, it is strongly recommended that face coverings are worn in classrooms. The government has stated that this advice is short term only and will be reviewed on Wednesday 26 January, when Plan B regulations are currently scheduled to end.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming our students back and we will of course keep you updated when there are further developments.

Many thanks for your continued support in the education of your child and in helping everybody to stay safe and healthy.

Yours sincerely

Mr J de Rijk  
Head of School

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