

RIPLEY ST THOMAS

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Dear Parents and Carers

This is my first Friday update as Principal (without the Acting part!). It is a huge privilege to have been appointed to this role at Ripley St Thomas, which has been a huge part of my life for the last fifteen years. Thank you for the messages of support and encouragement I have received.

Face Masks

A big thank you for being so supportive this week in sending your children in to school with a plain blue or black face mask. I have been impressed with how well our whole school community has adjusted to this new normal so easily. Please remember that fabric face masks do need to be washed on a daily basis to ensure they are hygienic.

Coats

Please remember to send your sons and daughters to school with a coat each day. We've noticed a big drop in temperature this week, as well as a couple of rainy days, so a coat is essential, particularly as more time is being spent outdoors than normal.

Please be reassured, there is a wet weather plan in place so that pupils will be able to eat inside if it is raining heavily at lunchtime.

Year 11 and Year 8

From Monday, there will be a slight adjustment to the timetable for Year 11 and Year 8. This is to ensure that Year 11's lessons during Period 2 and Period 4 are not split by a lunch or break time. As our older pupils approach their GCSEs, it is important for them to have a full hour without interruptions, especially in subjects of a practical nature.

This means that Year 8 won't have to wait quite as long for their breaks and lunches. Year 11 will have break at 11.10am and lunch at 1.30pm. Please make sure they have a good breakfast and bring some snacks to school if they will need it to keep them going.

Year 11 Parents' Evening – Thursday 8 October

It won't come as a surprise that we are not able to host parents' evening in person this year. The event will go ahead online on the same date, using some new software we have trialled and found to be successful. Mr Gomersall will be sharing more information shortly.

Music Tuition

Music tuition is starting again and timetables are being issued. If your child finds their lesson clashes with their lunch break, they should speak to Sam Virdie, our Music and Performing Arts Scholar, who will arrange a swap.

Year 7 and 8 CGP workbooks

All pupils in Year 7 and 8 will have received some CGP books for English, Maths and Science this week. These have been provided as part of our strategy for supporting pupils coming

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back to school following lockdown and may be used by teachers in the event of future periods of learning at home. Your child's teachers will give advice on how they should be used.

INSET day – Friday 2 October

As per the calendar, school will be closed to pupils on Friday next week as it is an INSET day.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C Walmsley', written in a cursive style.

Mrs C Walmsley
Principal