

RIPLEY ST THOMAS

CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY



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Dear Parents and Carers,

At the end of a rather strange half term, I would like to pass on my thanks to all our families for your support during this difficult time. I know that juggling the demands of work and lockdown learning is hugely challenging.

Track and Trace

Schools have been asked to track and trace any COVID cases over the half term holiday. If your child tests positive for COVID-19 and was in school in the two days prior to the symptoms starting, please inform us immediately via positivetest@ripley.lancs.sch.uk.

Vice Principal – Curriculum, Standards and Achievement

Last week we appointed Mr Ed Goddard as Vice Principal. Mr Goddard is currently Senior Assistant Principal at St Christopher's Church of England High School in Accrington and he will be joining our staff team after Easter. We look forward to welcoming him into the Ripley family.

Student Wellbeing

The second edition of our Student Wellbeing Matters newsletter has been sent out on Firefly and via email this week. Please do encourage your child to have a look – it contains some interesting articles and wise advice for keeping healthy both physically and mentally.

The Ripley Sport Half Term Activity Challenge

It's been a long half term for everybody with a lot of time spent sitting at home in front of screens, working and studying. We hope that you're able to switch off, relax and recharge away from your screens during half-term. To help you, the Ripley Sport department has set an activity challenge that you can get involved in, which will encourage you to get out of the house, have some physical activity and appreciate the wonderful surroundings that we live in. You can find the challenge sheet attached to this email.

Starting on Saturday 13 February, the aim is to walk, run or cycle 25 miles before we go back to school after the break. And whilst you're racking up the miles, we'd also like you to take pictures of some suggested items on the list. There are 25 to tick off, one for every mile that you complete, some of which might require you to think creatively!

If you would like to send them to us via our Ripley Sport social media feeds on Twitter and Instagram, we'd love to see them and share them.

Good luck with the challenge!

I wish all of our families a well-deserved rest and I will continue to pray for a return to school and some sense of normality soon after half term.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs C Walmsley
Principal

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