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Dear parents and carers,

Face coverings

If you haven't already seen it, please can I draw your attention to my letter earlier today regarding face coverings. Following a positive lateral flow result in Year 13 and in the light of some rises in cases in local schools, we have taken the decision to continue wearing face coverings at Ripley until half term so that we can keep our community as safe as possible. Please remind your child to bring a face covering with them on Monday.

We will keep this under review and will inform parents of any changes.

Coughs / Colds and Lateral Flow Tests

Please continue to remind your child to test twice weekly and to let us know immediately if you receive a positive result via positivetest@ripley.lancs.sch.uk

A reminder that if your child has a cough, a temperature or a loss of taste or smell, they must not come to school. They must self-isolate and take a PCR test. A lateral flow test is not sufficient if someone is suffering from symptoms.

Ripley+

We are pleased that Year 11 pupils have started submitting their Ripley+ applications via Firefly; just a quick reminder that the deadline for these is **Sunday 16th May**. Owing to COVID disruption, several pupils have asked if it is possible to reference things which they did in Key Stage 3; as these are exceptional circumstances, we are very happy for pupils to mention these things to get the recognition they deserve.

Piercings and facial hair

Please note that piercings are not allowed in main school. Please ensure your child is not wearing piercings when they come into school in the morning. Pupils will be asked to remove jewellery and they will be given an Academy detention if they are wearing items other than a wrist watch. Any jewellery worn will be confiscated and returned to pupils the following day.

As per our uniform policy, facial hair is not permitted. If your child is in main school, please can you ensure they are clean shaven when they attend school.

Year 11 & Year 13

We are very proud of how our Y11 and Y13 pupils are responding during this time of assessments. It has been an especially difficult year for them amidst uncertainty and last minute announcements from the DFE and Ofqual regarding the Teacher Assessed Grades process. Please remember them in your prayers.

Believe.....

Principal Mrs C Walmsley
Chair of Governors Mrs J Garnett

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Foodbank Collection

Well done to our Y10 pupils in Mrs Robb's RE classes who, after learning about food banks in RE, decided they wanted an optional homework to bring in donations for the Olive Branch. They collected two big bags of food and toiletries which will be taken down to the foodbank. It is wonderful to see our Christian values of service and kindness being lived out by our young people.

Yours faithfully,

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

Mrs C Walmsley
Principal