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Dear parents and carers

I hope you are well and that you are looking forward to the bank holiday weekend.

Lateral Flow Tests

Please continue to remind your child to take their test twice weekly. It is important you report to us immediately if the test is positive. Please use the positivetest@ripley.lancs.sch.uk email address.

All members of the household must then isolate until a confirmatory PCR test has been taken.

Symptoms of COVID

Whilst infection rates are much lower than they were, we still need to remain vigilant. If your child or someone in the household has symptoms, please keep your child off school until a PCR test has been taken. This includes pupils in Y11 or Y13. We will make sure any assessments will be completed at an alternative time.

Teacher Assessed Grades – parents of Y11 and Y13

We have been impressed with how well Y11 and Y13 have settled into their assessments this week.

I attach below two links to the JCQ guidance regarding this process if you would like to read more:

<https://www.jcq.org.uk/exams-office/information-for-candidates-documents/>
<https://www.jcq.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/JCQ-Guidance-for-Students-and-Parents-on-Summer-2021.pdf>

Year 8 Cadets

We are recruiting our new cadets currently. Parents will have received an email about this and letters have been sent home with pupils in Year 8. We encourage our young people to get involved in as much as they can at school and this is a great opportunity to build leadership skills and resilience. On the Firefly link there are some videos so you can see what is involved.

Year 7 Parents' Evening

This takes place on Thursday next week via our online system 'Schoolcloud'. If you have not yet booked your appointments, please remember to do so. Bookings close at 6pm on Tuesday evening. Some teachers teach multiple classes and appointments will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. The software for the evening has worked very well all year and we hope you will find it a positive evening.

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PE Lessons - a reminder from Mr Quarry

Pupils are encouraged to bring their own water bottles for PE lessons which they can fill at break and lunch time.

In addition to their blue shorts and socks, boys will need their blue T shirt only this term; they do not need their rugby shirt or boots. If pupils are unable to take part in PE, they are required to bring a note from home along with their PE kit - there are other roles within the lesson that allow them to be involved and play an active part.

'The Big Ask'

The Children's Commissioner, Dame Rachel de Souza, has asked schools to send out a survey to all children to get their views on a range of issues that affect them. It is called 'The Big Ask' and it is the largest survey ever of young people in England. We will be talking to our pupils about this next week and will be making the survey available on Firefly.

Yours sincerely,

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

Mrs C Walmsley
Principal