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Dear parents and carers,

COVID cases

As you will be aware, we have had a number of cases in Y8 this week after having had very few since our return from lockdown. We currently have 4 cases confirmed via a PCR test and 1 positive lateral flow test which we were notified of today. This has obviously had an impact on a large number of pupils in Year 8 who have had to self-isolate as they have been identified as a close contact. There are also some pupils in other year groups needing to isolate due to being a contact on the school buses.

Thank you to parents for your understanding when we have had to contact you to collect your children or to ask you not to send them in. We desperately do not want to have to send pupils home and are keen for them to come back as soon as possible, however we need to follow the guidance that has been given.

If your child is a close contact of someone who has tested positive, the current advice from Lancashire is that they take a PCR test, even if they have no symptoms. They still need to self-isolate if it is negative, but this helps us track any further close contacts and helps reduce transmission. You can book a PCR test via the NHS website. Please continue to inform us of any positive results via positivetest@ripley.lancs.sch.uk

Parking

We have received communication from the City Council regarding parents picking up their children near school and leaving their engine running. There are concerns over the pollution this is causing, so please could you ensure you switch off your engines whilst waiting. It is very busy at the start and end of school with buses, so we politely ask that parents avoid parking too near school to collect your children at these times.

A Sporty Week

Well done to the PE department and to all the young people who took part in Y7 & 8 Sports Day last week and also our after school Sport Festival. It has been great to see so many of our young people involved. Do have a look at @ripleysport on Twitter and on Instagram for photos of these events.

Cadets

It is great to see so many Y8 students getting involved in our cadets – we are currently up to 65 new recruits! Many of them have now been kitted out with their uniforms and we look forward to seeing them parade in the future.

Worship update

We are keen to return to worship in the chapel, but for now we continue to share worship together online. This term we have had a number of people leading us in worship, including Michael and also the Chaplain from Archbishop Temple in Preston. I am especially grateful to Hazel in Year 12 who led us in worship a couple of weeks ago and shared with us all how she has found 'The Greatest Life' through Christ. It is wonderful to see our young people taking the lead in the way.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs C Walmsley
Principal

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