

RIPLEY ST THOMAS

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Blended Learning Provision and Firefly

Further to Mrs Walmsley's letter regarding the increased cases of COVID in school, I am writing to provide information about how pupils can continue to stay engaged in their education, even if they are required to complete a period of isolation.

Firefly has been the main platform used for sharing work with pupils, collecting work, and providing feedback during the last two years. This will continue to be the case in the event that individuals, or groups of pupils, are working from home. It may be that some pupils, who have recently joined Ripley, have not had the opportunity to access Firefly yet. If this applies to your child, please contact us using Parentline and we will make arrangements for their login details and instructions to be sent home.

Parents can also access Firefly to see lessons and tasks/homework that has been set for your child. To access Firefly, use the Firefly VLE link at the top right of school website homepage. On the Firefly logon screen, enter the email address registered with school and click on the "forgotten password" button to set a password. For further information about using Firefly please look at our Firefly section on the school website at <https://ripleystthomas.com/using-firefly/>

If a pupil is experiencing symptoms and is unwell, we appreciate that their priority is to recover so we can welcome back into school at the earliest possible time. No sanctions will be issued to pupils who do not complete work during their isolation. However, if an individual has been instructed to complete a period of isolation, but is asymptomatic or well enough, it is in their interest to continue to engage in their education from home. Departments have been developing the resources on Firefly to ensure that the quality of our virtual curriculum is as effective as the curriculum that pupils experience in school.

Please find attached to this letter an instruction sheet for pupils who are working from home. This will guide them to the work for each subject and advice to consider when completing remote learning.

If your child has any questions about the work set, or is struggling to find the work, please encourage them to contact their class teacher in the first instance, using their school email.

Kind regards,

Mrs H Best
Assistant Principal – Teaching and Learning

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Principal Mrs C Walmsley
Chair of Governors Mrs J Garnett

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