

RIPLEY ST THOMAS

CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY



INFORMATION FOR STARTING AT RIPLEY

CASHLESS CATERING SYSTEM

If your child intends to use the school catering facilities you will need to ensure they have funds in their account. Payment can be made in cash or online, although the latter will not be available until after pupils have arrived and codes for online payment have been issued. Please note, in line with many companies, we do not accept cheques.

FIRST DAY LUNCH

All Year 7 pupils will be registered for the cashless system on their first day in September, but as we need time to process the funds we have made arrangements for pupils to pay cash on the first day if they wish to have a school lunch. A set lunch will be available for pupils, on this day, at a cost of £2.75. Pupils on free school meals will be exempt from this charge. A packed lunch is also able to be brought into school. Cans/bottles of pop are not allowed in school at any time.

EQUIPMENT

Pupils at Ripley St Thomas are expected to arrive at lessons ready to learn. Excellent behaviour for learning means:

- you arrive to lessons on time
- you have the correct equipment
- you have brought the homework required for submission that lesson
- you listen to instructions and explanations without interruption
- you complete all tasks set (and do not disrupt the learning of others)
- you participate actively in the lesson with a positive attitude (and you do not 'opt out')

Here is a list of the equipment you **must** bring to **every** lesson:

- Journal
- Black or blue pen
- Green pen
- Pencil, ruler, rubber
- Whiteboard & Whiteboard pen (the first one is provided by Ripley)
- Calculator – Casio fx-85GT PLUS
- Exercise books and textbooks required for your lessons each day
- Highlighter
- Reading book
- Glue stick

Subject-specific **essential** equipment:

- PE kit
- Black fine line pen/mechanical pencil
- Apron
- Compass and protractor

Arriving at lessons without the equipment listed above will result in lost learning time and will be sanctioned with 'clicks'.

RIPLEY BUSES

Make sure you know where the bus stop is and practise walking there so you know how long it takes. Many buses drop you at school and collect you from there but it is also a good idea to learn your way round Lancaster. Travel to the bus station or nearest stop and learn how to walk up to school.

Make sure you are at the bus stop a few minutes early. Stand with the other Ripley pupils and make sure the driver can see your blue blazer. **Put your hand out to stop the bus – it will not stop automatically.** At the end of school listen to instructions carefully so you get on the right bus. If you miss the bus TELL SOMEONE.

Make a plan so you know what to do if you miss the bus. Will you, for example...

Ring parents/emergency contact for a lift? Go to the main route bus stop to get another bus? Go to the bus station? Walk home?

Always make sure you have your bus pass/ticket with you. If your bus ticket is on your mobile phone, you will have to make sure it is charged and you have access to your data. If you have no pass with you, you will need to pay. **Carry some spare cash for emergencies.**

Buses that operate from Ripley at the end of the school day.

1st Wave			2nd Wave		
40	Catterall	Via Garstang	81	Kirkby Lonsdale	Via Caton, Hornby, Wray, Melling
42	Blackpool *Service Bus	Via Churchtown, Great Eccleston	82	Kirkby Lonsdale	Via Caton, Hornby, Gressingham, Whittington
55	Carnforth	Via Hest Bank, Bolton-Le-Sands	487	Abbeystead	Via Dolphinholme
55	Carnforth	Via Hest Bank, Bolton-Le-Sands	500	Overton	Via Heysham Towers
567	Pilling	Via Glasson Dock	501	Heysham Comberrmere Rd	Via Westgate, Longlands Lane
581	Stalmine	Via Cockerham, Winmarleigh, Out Rawcliffe	502	Heysham Towers	Via Euston Rd, Albany Rd
935	Morecambe Clock Tower	Via Torrisholme	503	Priest Hutton	Via Kelleys, Capenwray, Borwick

Information correct at time of printing.

Pupils travelling on the first wave buses should swiftly make their way to the waiting area by the pedestrian gate on Ashton Road and await instruction from staff. First wave buses leave by 3.15pm. Pupils travelling on the second wave buses must wait at the appropriate place in the quads and again await instruction from staff.

Useful telephone numbers

Lancashire School Transport Enquiries 0300 123 6738
Stagecoach Depot Morecambe 01524 422217
Stagecoach Bus Station Lancaster 01524 846903

Travellers Choice 01524 720033
Kirkby Lonsdale Coaches 01524 733831
Archway Travel 01253 874358