

15th December 2020

Dear parents/carers

As the end of another calendar year draws to an end, I would like again to thank you all for your patience in what has been a very difficult year.

No-one could have anticipated the difficulties that 2020 would bring, but I am proud to have led the school through what has been very testing times. I am sure you would like to join me in thanking the dedicated team of staff we have at Ripplevale who have gone above and beyond this year to try and maintain the teaching and learning of all of our boys even from the relative comfort of their houses.

Along with this letter you should have received your son's/charge's provision plans and their end of term report. If you have any queries in regards to these, please contact the school and we will respond as soon as possible.

Usually, I would be informing you of all of the extra-curricular activities and trips that would have taken place and last year, we also reported on who was leading the House competitions. Sadly, these activities have all had to be put on hold due to Covid-19 restrictions but I do hope that we will be able to get back to some kind of normality soon. On that note, I have taken the decision to open the school kitchen again after Christmas. There will be slight changes to timings and time-tables to enable us to safely fit everyone into the dining hall whilst allowing for social distancing but I feel it is important for boys to have the opportunity for a daily, hot meal as I am sure you will agree.

So, all that is left to say is to wish you all a very Merry but most importantly, safe Christmas. I know this year has brought many challenges to all of us and we will all have to prepare ourselves for some time to come too. However, the most important thing is to spend time with our families over Christmas, as safely as possible. I look forward to welcoming you all back on Wednesday 6th January 2021.

Best wishes,



Jane Norris
CEO/ Head of School

