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Dear Parents and Carers

Update on school routines at Ridgeway Academy

As we approach the end of the first month of the school term, I wanted to reach out to parents and carers to explain some updates to our practice at the school and some new systems that are now in place.

Student Services

We have a counter service to support students during the day. This is open for students before school, during break, lunch and at the end of the school day. The services offered to students are:

- **Purchasing stationery** – Students are able to buy small items of equipment that they need for school. This can be purchased in cash or added to a WisePay account.
- **Uniform loaning** – If a student has forgotten an item, a day loan of an item can be organised. We also have plimsols that will be issued to wear for the day if a student is in incorrect shoes.

We hope that by providing these additional services, we will support students in solving any equipment or uniform issues and helping them avoid student sanction.

Line ups

I am sure your young person will have told you about our line up processes at school. We gather students together at the beginning of the day, after break and lunch in their form or class lines. These line ups are held in outside areas and greatly support our effective management of and movement of students into class. If the weather is not appropriate for line ups, for example it is pouring with rain, we suspend the line up.

Parent Information evenings

We have recently held parent information evenings for Year 11 in school and have just gone live with virtual parent information presentations for Year 8, 9 and 10. The links will be sent to you shortly and we encourage you to watch these presentations with your young person. They will give you information about the year ahead and key dates.

Finally, for many families, I am a new face at the school and I work to lead the Heads of Year and wider pastoral team to best support our young people. I would like to thank the families for the support they have given me so far and I look forward to engaging with many more of you over the months and years to come.

Yours sincerely

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