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Dear Parents/Carers

As many of you will know, the school site is large. It is traditional at Edgbarrow School to use Year 8 students as runners for Reception and The Hill.

The duty runner is based in Reception or The Hill for a full day, with time off at break and lunchtime. It is an excellent opportunity to develop their interpersonal skills, time management and confidence. Their role is to carry messages for staff via Reception, including the Attendance, Safeguarding and Inclusion teams and do all sorts of helpful work to support and learn about the running of the school. There is always the delivery service of PE kits! Needless to say, the work will vary from day to day but past experience suggests that it requires the students to use their initiative and it assists them with social development.

They will miss their lessons for that day and will be required to catch up; teachers will make sure the lesson materials are available on Google Classroom. It is clear that the runner will have to deal correctly with adults that they do not know, find out what is required and act accordingly. Our runners are also ambassadors on the day and welcome visitors.

Year 8 students take on this role because they know the school well but are not yet caught up in the pressures of GCSE. We know whilst there are some nerves, students nearly always have an enjoyable and productive experience. If there are times when they are not involved with duties, they read or complete their classwork for their subject teachers. Each Year 8 will be a runner approximately twice in the year.

We have now run this system for many years and we are delighted with its success. We therefore plan to continue this policy but could you please advise us should you not wish your child to be involved. We will begin on Monday 7th September starting with 8P.

Yours faithfully

Mr Macfarlane
Head of Year 8