



3<sup>rd</sup> September 2010

Dear Families,

Welcome back to Riverside School. I hope you had a good summer and managed to find a few rays of sunshine during the six-week break. I would like to extend a particularly warm welcome to all our new pupils, families and staff and am sure that you will very quickly feel part of the "Riverside Family".

Firstly, I should inform you that our Headteacher, Viv Hinchcliffe is currently in King's College Hospital and is likely to be discharged today. He will not be back in school for the beginning of this term and I'm sure you will all join the staff in wishing him a speedy recovery. In his absence the Senior Leadership Team will continue to maintain the high standards at Riverside.

On a happier note, following on from our very successful Summer Playscheme, this coming term promises to be a very exciting one. Our Beckenham site has increased to 35 pupils and we are currently looking to create a new sensory room and develop our outdoor spaces over there.

At the St Paul's Cray site, we are looking forward to implementing a range of new initiatives in the coming year and we will keep you fully informed of our plans. Work is already underway on our second hydrotherapy pool and this should be completed by the new year. The Sunday morning swimming sessions will resume after half term and our after school club will start back on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September.

We are launching our "Riverside School Family Pledge" and you will receive this very shortly. In addition, we will be introducing our new "Key Support" system and further details will follow.

Please check out our website [www.riversideschool.org.uk](http://www.riversideschool.org.uk) as this is updated regularly and will give you a full picture of all the exciting things that make Riverside School so special. Our motto proudly states that "*Where there's a will, together we will find a way*" and as the school continues to expand, we are as committed as ever to our vision statement: "*Together we will build a progressive, flagship school with a first class, holistic, curriculum centred on the needs of each individual pupil. Pupils will be stretched and challenged within a fun, safe and happy environment. The voices of pupils, parents and staff will be respected and valued*".

As always, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher or a member of the senior leadership team if you require any further information about any aspect of your child's education and care.

Yours sincerely

Steve Solomons

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