

8<sup>th</sup> July 2022

Dear Families,

I hope that you are all well.

We have had another action-packed week at Riverside School, including events which marked both ends of our pupils' Riverside journeys. We were delighted to welcome a number of new pupils and their families to all four sites this week and we are really looking forward to getting to know them better in September. At the top end of the school, we held our Leavers' Celebrations yesterday, an opportunity to reminisce, share and celebrate the contributions that all our Year 14 leavers have made over many years. You have all left an indelible mark on so many people – we really will miss you and we wish you, and your families all the very best for the future. Please do keep in touch – we would love to know how you are getting on.

If your child is Primary-aged, you will have had the opportunity to meet your child's new class team at Parents' Evenings this week and if your child is Secondary-aged, these will be happening next Wednesday. I hope that you found (or find) these meetings useful and I know that your child's new class team are already looking forward to working in close partnership with you in the year ahead.

In light of the opening of our fourth site in September, we have appointed Laura Stevens as Lead Teacher at Riverside Phoenix, in addition to Emily Morris as Lead Teacher at Riverside SPC. I thought it would be helpful to also share our new Leadership Team structure so that you know who, in addition to your child's class team, will be overseeing their provision.

Headteacher – Steve Solomons (all sites).

Deputy Headteachers – Charlotte Downs (all sites); Amy Price (maternity leave).

School Business Manager – Naomi Walters (all sites).

Assistant Headteachers – Daniella Costanza (Riverside SPC Primary); Clare Collett (Riverside SPC Secondary); Katie Strutt (Riverside Beckenham).

Phase Leaders – Lucy Godley (Riverside SPC); Lauren Mullan (Riverside West Wickham).

One member of our current Leadership Team who will be moving on at the end of term is Kerry Reed, Assistant Headteacher at Riverside SPC, who has secured a position at a mainstream Secondary school for September. Kerry has been with us for ten years and, on behalf of the school, I would like to say thank you so much for everything you have brought to us, and for everything you will leave us with. In next week's letter, I will provide you with a full staffing update but for now, wishing you all a lovely and sunny weekend.

Kindest regards,

Steve Solomons  
Headteacher