

29<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Dear Families,

I hope that you are all safe and well in these continuing uncertain times. What is certain however, is that we are always here for you and please do not hesitate to get in touch if there is anything we can do to make life a little bit easier.

As promised in previous letters, we will continue to update you on a weekly basis should any of our pupils or staff receive a positive COVID-19 test result across the school. We will of course inform you immediately if your child is directly affected. I can confirm that, since last Friday, we have had one pupil at Riverside Beckenham who has tested positive, meaning that one class will be self-isolating for ten days. We have had two members of staff who have tested positive, one at Riverside Beckenham (who has not been in school recently) and one at Riverside West Wickham, meaning that one class at Riverside West Wickham will also be self-isolating for ten days.

As part of our weekly asymptomatic testing programme for all staff across three sites, we administered 143 tests this week, all of which were negative.

Last week, we were pleased to inform you that we had managed to secure vaccinations for over 100 staff and I can tell you that this week, all remaining staff who were able to receive a vaccine have now had one. This applies to approximately 180 staff so far and we are delighted that we have been able to provide this extra layer of protection to our staff and as a result, to your children and yourselves. We are never complacent though and we will continue to maintain all our precautionary measures to ensure our school is as safe as it can possibly be.

With this week's news that mainstream schools are still several weeks away from returning, we remain proud that we can continue to offer a school place for all pupils whose families have requested it. This is regularly referred to as "face-to-face learning" and whilst teaching and learning is, of course, our core business, we never lose sight of everything else that makes up your child's days in school. Days that we hope are still filled with fun, friendships, love and laughter and even when times are tough, we will always stand together. And together, we will get through this.

Wishing you all a happy, safe and healthy weekend.

With very best wishes,



Steve Solomons  
Headteacher