

24th April 2021

Dear Families,

I hope that you and your loved ones had a good Easter break and are all well. We have had a great first week back on all three sites and it has been so lovely to welcome back pupils and staff who had been shielding throughout the Spring Term.

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 am pleased to report that for the fifth week running, we have had **no positive cases** at Riverside School, on any site. With the vast majority of our staff now having received their second vaccinations, our continued home testing programme and school-based control measures, our commitment remains to keep the school community as safe as possible, whilst looking forward with hope, optimism and excitement for the weeks ahead.

We are now into Stage 2 of our Riverside Roadmap (attached to previous letters) and this runs until 14th May to coincide with the government's current lockdown dates.

In our Roadmap, our pledge is that if everything is moving in the right direction ...

- Class drop ins by line leaders and follow up meetings (with appropriate control measures in place)
- Out of hours parental visits
- Certain visitors allowed into school (with restrictions and on a case-by-case basis)
- 1:1 community walks (where appropriate and on a case-by-case basis)
- Movement between sites for specific staff as required
- Performing Arts Hall and Dance Studio open to classes (with appropriate control measures in place)

I am pleased to say that, one week in, we have been able to proceed successfully as above and we look forward to resuming prospective parent visits after school on all three sites next week, something that we have been unable to do since the first lockdown. Unfortunately for this round of visits, our pupils will not be around as it is them who make the school what it is, They are, and will always be, at the heart of everything we do and it has been so lovely to spend the week with them. As we continue to "open up" over the course of the Summer Term, we can't wait for even bigger and better things to come.

As always, please do not hesitate to get in touch if there is anything you need and in the meantime, have a happy and sunny weekend.

With very best wishes,



Steve Solomons
Headteacher