

18th June 2021

Dear Families,

I hope that you have all had a good week. 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 and we will of course inform you immediately if your child is directly affected. I am pleased to report that we have had **no positive cases** at Riverside School this week.

In last week's letter, I referred to the continued uncertainties around the planned easing of restrictions and on Monday, the Prime Minister announced that this will be delayed by a further month. We were also due to enter Stage 4 of our own Riverside Roadmap next Monday but as you can appreciate, we will also be delaying making any significant changes. In practical terms, this means that our current arrangements will continue and we have decided not to go ahead with some of the events that were in mid-planning stage, such as phase events or Riverfest. Our commitment has been, from the outset, to keep the Riverside School community as safe as possible during the pandemic, and we do not believe that relaxing our rules significantly at this stage would be the right thing to do. Whilst we won't be able to come together in larger gatherings in a way that we had hoped, we promise to ensure that the final five weeks of term are still filled with joy, love and laughter for all of your children, in spite of the continuing restrictions.

In many ways, this week has felt like a week of two halves, with the first half bringing brilliant sunshine and the second half bringing torrential rain. However, at Riverside School, we believe that we create the climate. We make the weather. What I mean by that is that it is our responsibility to provide your children with the kind of environment they need and deserve. One that truly accepts them for the wonderful young people they are; one that remains full of hope, optimism and ambition for the future, and one that when it rains, sees the rainbows. We hope that this is how you feel too.

Here's hoping for a more settled weekend and, whatever you do, I hope you enjoy it.

With very best wishes,



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Headteacher