

14th May 2021

Dear Families,

I hope that you and your loved ones are all well.

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, through our asymptomatic home-testing programme, we have had one member of staff testing positive in one of our Secondary classes at Riverside SPC, resulting in one class having to self-isolate.

Today marks the last school day within Stage 2 of our Riverside Roadmap and as we enter Stage 3 next Monday, we will:

- Keep the same class-based lunchtime arrangements on all three sites as our current system is working well;
- Increase opportunities for all pupils to spend time with friends from one or two other classes in the playground;
- Increase access to rooms such as the sensory room and soft play, with control measures in place to ensure they remain as safe as possible for everyone;
- Prepare the hydrotherapy pool at Riverside SPC in readiness for some pupils starting to use it after half term (pool access will be assessed on an individual basis);
- Continue with parental visits after school at this stage.

Our approach from the outset has been one of measured caution, balanced with the ambition to "loosen up" restrictions, as long as it is safe, right and responsible to do so. All our current control measures, including additional cleaning, ventilation, hand-sanitising, face coverings in communal areas, pick up and drop off arrangements, will continue at this stage, and we will regularly review all our control measures in the coming weeks as we look forward to Stage 4 and beyond.

In my previous two letters, I have written about Expressive Arts at Riverside School, shared the links to the wide range of resources, activities and videos on our website and reiterated our commitment to ensuring the Performing and Expressive Arts remain central to our curriculum. With this in mind, it is with great pleasure that today, we launch our Family Project: "On Top of the World". Please see the flyer overleaf. We would love as many families as possible to take part. We can't wait to hear from you!

Have a lovely weekend and with very best wishes,

Steve Solomons
Headteacher

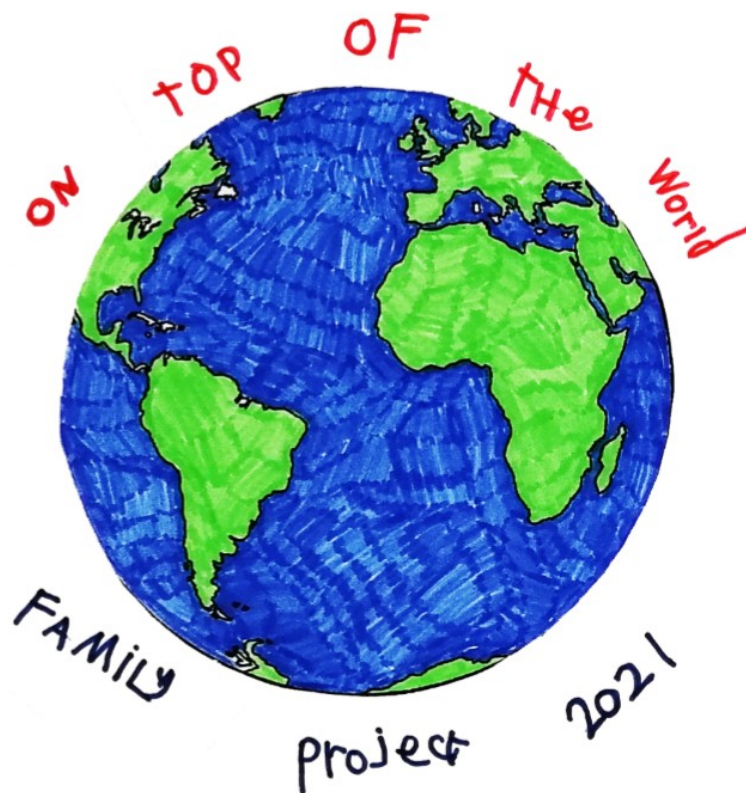


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We are delighted to launch our new Family Project:

'On Top of the World'.

We are calling for families to be involved in our solar system themed creative project!

How? – You will receive a package before half term containing a toy for you and your child to engage with. All we ask in return, is that you take photos/videos of opening the package together and playing with the item.

We would also like some outdoor photos and videos of you and your family doing the following things:

- Spinning and turning round and round together
- Balancing on something such as a low wall/logs/cushions laid out
- Jumping/bouncing off something or jumping on a trampoline

What? - This project will primarily be a virtual video project and all your photos and videos can be shared with us via our Riverside School mobile number. As we move into stage 4 of the government roadmap, we hope that some Family Project participants will be able to meet up in person at Riverside School, St Paul's Cray to create something that will form part of the project.

We are so excited to get started with this project and we need you to make it happen. Please complete the Expression of Interest form below and we will be in touch via contact books with more details. Are you ready to have some fun with us? Don't delay – sign up today!

Expression of Interest form

I _____ would like to be involved in Family Project 2021 and receive a Family Project package to use with my child _____ in _____ class.



Please return this form to Chantal Cook, Head of Expressive Arts via your home school contact book.