

8<sup>th</sup> October 2021

Dear Families,

I hope that you are all well. Another week has flown by at Riverside School, ending with marking World Mental Health Day with #HelloYellow today. As the campaign says: "A little yellow goes a long way".

Thank you very much to everyone who has managed to find a few moments to [CLICK ON THIS LINK](#) to answer the question: **What else can we do to make a real difference to your child's life and the life of your family?** We really want to hear from as many of you as possible so please share your thoughts with us by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October – we promise they will be included in our future plans.

As you will be aware, our commitment has always been to communicate frequently and openly with you about all COVID-related matters, including letting you know about any positive cases at school. I can confirm that we have had no positive COVID cases at Riverside School this week

In other news, we know that families of children in Year 6 are likely to have been contacted by the Local Authority in recent weeks with regard to secondary transfer and, with this in mind, we are hosting a tour of Riverside St Paul's Cray for families of children at Riverside Beckenham and Riverside West Wickham who are thinking ahead to September 2022. This will take place next Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October at 9:45am. Please call the office on 01689 870519 or email [admin@riverside.bromley.sch.uk](mailto:admin@riverside.bromley.sch.uk) if you would like to attend.

On the subject of dates and forward planning, please see attached our new term dates for next academic year (2022-23). The Local Authority are adopting a two-week October half term in 2022 and, as a community special school, this is what we will be adopting too. This does not mean there will a reduction in school days over the year, rather the five additional days have been added to different points during the year. We hope that this will be a positive change for you and your families.

One other date that I wanted to give you plenty of notice for falls at the end of the Summer Term 2022. You may be aware that an extra bank holiday has been announced for 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2022 for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and the Department for Education have amended the Education Regulations to reduce the school year 2021/22 by one day. Schools who are on their half term break on 3<sup>rd</sup> June (which includes us) have been advised by the DfE that the day can be taken at another time during the year and I can confirm that we will transferring the day to Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022, meaning that our final day of the Summer Term will be Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> July 2022.

I hope everything above is clear and wishing you all a lovely weekend.

With very best wishes,



Steve Solomons  
Headteacher

## **Riverside School: Term and Holiday Dates for 2022 – 2023**

<b>Autumn 2021</b>	Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2021	Staff Training Day – no school for pupils
	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2021	Staff Training Day – no school for pupils
	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2021	Pupils' first day of Autumn Term
	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October 2021	Last day before Half-Term
<b>Half-Term Monday 25<sup>th</sup> – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2021</b>		
	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> November 2021	First day after Half-Term
	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2021	Last day of Autumn Term
<b>Spring 2022</b>	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2022	Staff Training Day – no school for pupils
	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2022	Pupils' first day of Spring Term
	Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> February 2022	Pupils' last day before Half-Term
	Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> February 2022	Staff Training Day – no school for pupils
<b>Half-Term Monday 14<sup>th</sup> – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2022</b>		
	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> February 2022	First day after Half-Term
	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2022	Last day of Spring Term
<b>Summer 2022</b>	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> April 2022	First day of Summer Term
	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May 2022	Bank Holiday – no school
	Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> May 2022	Pupils' last day before Half-Term
	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May 2022	Staff Training Day – no school for pupils
<b>Half-Term Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2022</b>		
	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	First day after Half-Term
	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2022	Last day of Summer Term
	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2022	Queen's Platinum Jubilee – no school
<b>Autumn 2022</b>	Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> August 2022	Staff Training Day – no school for pupils
	Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2022	Staff Training Day – no school for pupils
	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2022	Pupils' first day of Autumn Term
	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> October 2022	Last day before Half-Term
<b>Half-Term Monday 17<sup>th</sup> – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2022</b>		
	Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2022	First day after Half-Term
	Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> December 2022	Last day of Autumn Term
<b>Spring 2023</b>	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2023	First day of Spring Term
	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> February 2023	Last day before Half-Term
<b>Half-Term Monday 13<sup>th</sup> – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2023</b>		
	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> February 2023	Staff Training Day – no school for pupils
	Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> February 2023	Pupils' first day after Half-Term
	Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2023	Last day of Spring Term
<b>Summer 2023</b>	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April 2023	First day of Summer Term
	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May 2023	Bank Holiday – no school
	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May 2023	Pupils' last day before Half-Term
<b>Half-Term Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2023</b>		
	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June 2023	Staff Training Day – no school for pupils
	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> June 2023	Pupils' first day after Half-Term
	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2023	Pupils' last day of Summer Term
	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2023	Staff Training Day – no school for pupils



