

1st October 2021

Dear Families,

I hope that you and your loved ones are all well and that you haven't been too adversely affected by the fuel challenges this week.

September really has flown by and we have had a great first month back. There have been many highlights so far, from some of our youngest nursery children starting to form genuine friendships with one another, to a local construction firm teaching some of our oldest pupils carpentry skills. Whether your child has just joined us at the beginning of their school journey, or has been part of the Riverside family for a long time, we will always strive to focus on the things that really matter. And one thing that really matters to each and every one of us is the importance of belonging, of feeling safe, included and valued. With this in mind, your child will come home today with a flyer to mark Black History Month. The flyer says it all, and we mean every word.

As mentioned in last week's letter, we are in the process of creating our new School Development Plan, which sets out our key priorities for the months (and years) ahead. We asked for a few moments of your time and please accept our apologies if the link didn't take you to our webpage as planned. This has now been rectified so, as it would not be right to start creating our plan without your input, we would love you to click on the link below and answer just one question ... Our mission is "to transform our pupils' lives and the lives of their families". With this in mind, **what else can we do to make a real difference to your child's life and the life of your family?**

Although we are a school, please do not be constrained by what may traditionally be within the remit of schools. One of our values is "creativity" and we will therefore always look for ways to influence others in making the world a more accessible, accepting and inclusive place. So, please [CLICK HERE](#) and share your thoughts with us by Friday 15th October - we promise they will be included in our future plans.

And finally, 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. If the positive case is in your child's class, we will always let you know out of courtesy. Since last Friday, we have had one pupil testing positive for COVID-19 in one of our Primary classes at Riverside SPC, but no one else has been affected nor missed any school as a result.

Have a lovely weekend and with very best wishes,



Steve Solomons
Headteacher