

24th September 2021

Dear Families,

I hope that you are all well.

We are now back in the swing of Riverside life, and are delighted that the measured easing of restrictions continues to bring more opportunities for our whole school community to connect in ways that have been more difficult in recent months. In addition to our pupils being able to mix more freely with friends, both old and new, we were delighted to see so many families at today's events in support of Macmillan Cancer Support. If you were able to attend, we hope you enjoyed connecting with one another.

As our school continues to grow, our commitment will always be to maintain a close-knit, family community, in which you and your child feel safe, welcomed and included. The "Riverside family" is very important to us and we will always strive to provide you with what you want and need for your child and yourselves. We have different ways to receive your feedback about your experiences of Riverside School and we really appreciate the time you have taken to complete surveys and send in notes in recent months. In light of the fact that we have a number of new families, combined with our ongoing commitment to regularly hear from our existing families, we would really appreciate just a few moments of your time ...

We are in the process of creating our new School Development Plan which will set out the key priorities for the months (and years) ahead. It would not be right to do this without you, so if you could find a couple of minutes to answer the following question, we would be very grateful ...

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 8th 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 and one member of staff testing positive for COVID-19 in our Primary Phase at Riverside SPC, but no one else has been affected nor missed any school as a result.

I hope you have a lovely weekend and with very best wishes,



Steve Solomons
Headteacher