

18<sup>th</sup> March 2022

Dear Families,

I hope that you are all well.

We have had another busy week at Riverside School, with the whole school standing together in solidarity to support the people of Ukraine on Wednesday and ending the week with Red Nose Day. On the Comic Relief homepage, you will see the words "Whatever you do, no matter how small, you can help people live free from poverty, violence and discrimination ... because you have the power to change lives".

At Riverside School, we believe that we have a responsibility to stand up and be counted; to do our bit to amplify the voices of disadvantaged and marginalised communities and create a society which is more equal, just and fair. Our commitment remains to improve outcomes at an individual, school and societal level and we will judge our success on the extent to which we transform lives, both within, and outside Riverside School.

As promised, we will continue to keep you fully informed of COVID cases on a weekly basis and we have received confirmation of 13 positive cases this week (7 members of staff and 6 pupils). Two classes (one at Beckenham and one at West Wickham) had more than one case, meaning they are considered to be "outbreak classes".

As you will be aware, we have been working closely with colleagues from Oakfield Surgery to offer vaccinations at Riverside School for all pupils aged 5-11, whose families provide consent. For those families who have done so, you will be contacted by the Oakfield Surgery and vaccinations are scheduled for Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March.

And just a reminder that if you would like to receive any pre-loved uniform or brand new high quality shoes (we have a range of styles and sizes), please complete the form [HERE](#) to enquire about availability. All requests will, of course, be handled sensitively.

In a continuing uncertain world, here's to hope, optimism and ambition for a brighter future.

With very best wishes,

Steve Solomons  
Headteacher