

5<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Dear Families,

I hope that you and your loved ones are all well. For those of you who have children returning to other schools next week, I hope that they, and you, are ready and looking forward to it.

We currently have over 80% of our children in school and we can't wait to welcome back many more on Monday. Any pupils from Reception upwards who are currently attending on a part-time basis will be attending on a full-time basis and if your child is remaining at home for the time being, please know that we are still thinking of them and hope to see them soon.

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, and for the fourth week running, we have had **no positive cases** at Riverside School, on any site. I am also pleased to say that all the tests administered through our weekly asymptomatic testing programme for staff across our three sites have been negative. From next week, and in line with the latest guidance, we will be moving from school-based testing for staff to home testing.

As the country prepares for the mass reopening of schools from next Monday, we will continue to do everything we can to keep our whole community as safe as we possibly can in the weeks and months ahead. You will know about our robust control measures and, combined with our regular testing programme and the vast majority of our staff being vaccinated, safety remains of paramount importance. Alongside this, however, is our unwavering commitment to provide your incredible children with the types of experiences they will cherish, surrounded by people who think the world of them.

It was wonderful to see so many children dressed up for World Book Day yesterday, loving the time spent with others and learning through the wide range of fun and creative activities on offer. Amongst the hundreds of photos taken, we wanted to share a few of them with you [HERE](#). We think they really capture what Riverside School is all about.

Have a good weekend and with very best wishes,



Steve Solomons  
Headteacher