

3rd December 2021

Dear Families,

I hope that you and your loved ones are all well and that you have not been too badly affected by the latest global COVID developments. We know that these have brought a level of uncertainty that may not have been anticipated even a week ago, when we were all busy planning our end-of-term events. Only last Friday, we were still hopeful that these would be able to go ahead as planned, however over the weekend, so much changed, hence my letter to you on 30th November informing you of the new precautionary measures that we, like schools up and down the country, were advised to introduce. All Bromley schools have also been asked to distribute the accompanying letter from the Director of Public Health in Bromley and please find this attached.

You will be aware from Tuesday's letter that we made the difficult decision to change our plans for some of the upcoming events that we had always hoped we would be able to invite families to. Whilst we would have loved to open our doors to you for the Beckenham Show today, the SPC Primary Show next Thursday 9th and the Family Panto on Wednesday 15th, we took the decision that it would not be safe to do so, in light of the current circumstances, and we thank you for your understanding.

You will also be aware that we have introduced a range of additional control measures to try and keep our whole school community as safe as possible in the run up to Christmas; including staff wearing face coverings in communal areas on all three sites; restricting the number of visitors coming into school unless considered absolutely essential; and increasing our precautionary control measures further where there are clusters of COVID cases in the school. With that in mind, and in line with our commitment to communicate frequently and openly with you about all COVID-related matters, I can confirm that we have had four additional COVID cases in the same Riverside Beckenham class as the one positive case last week, making a total of five positive cases in one class. We have also had another positive case in a second Riverside Beckenham class. This has meant that we have been liaising with colleagues from the Public Health COVID-19 Response Team and the London Coronavirus Response Cell and they are supportive of the measures we have taken to manage this particular situation.

As I wrote in my letter on Tuesday, we will continue to ensure that the final fortnight of term is filled with seasonal joy, excitement and fun, despite the current challenges and, if there is anything we can do to support you or your child in the run-up to Christmas, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Have a good weekend and with very best wishes,



Steve Solomons
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