

1<sup>st</sup> April 2022

Dear Families,

I hope that you are all well.

Today marks the final day of term and what a term it has been. There are so many things to celebrate and be proud of, with this week's Secondary Show "Riverside High" being a real highlight. Listening to our pupils sing "We're all in this together" was a particularly powerful moment and really reinforced our sense of connection, community and belonging. It was so good to be back together in the Riverside Theatre for the first time in over two years and we can't wait to come together more regularly for a range of events and performances in the months ahead.

As promised, we have kept you fully informed of COVID cases on a weekly basis and we have received confirmation of 21 positive cases this week (16 members of staff and 5 pupils). Three classes at SPC and one class at West Wickham had more than one case, meaning they are considered to be "outbreak classes". Over the course of the Spring Term, our case numbers have pretty much mirrored the local and national trend, with large numbers in January, a significant decrease in February and an increase again in March. In line with the new "Living with COVID" guidance, there are some changes to the current testing arrangements from today and we will let you know of any changes to school policy and practice on our return.

We talk a lot at Riverside School about the importance of fun, friendship, love and laughter, and it gives me great pleasure to end today's letter with a link to our [latest photo gallery](#). These emotions, as well as so many others, are captured so beautifully and as the saying goes, a picture really does "paint a thousand words".

As we look ahead to the Summer Term, with perhaps a degree of uncertainty about exactly how it will pan out, one thing is certain ... together, we will make sure it is a term to remember.

We look forward to seeing your children again on 19th April and, in the meantime, sending you all my very best wishes,



Steve Solomons  
Headteacher