

4th April 2025

Dear Riverside families,

I hope that you are all well.

Today marks the end of the Spring Term and what a busy term it has been. I hope that your child has continued to make progress in the areas that are most important to them and, as always, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher if you have any questions about the things that really matter to you. We will always endeavour to support you however we can and signpost you to other relevant organisations as required.

In addition to all the daily "educational treats" on offer to your child, there have been a number of site, phase and pathway-specific initiatives, as well as whole-school events and these will continue into what promises to be an action-packed Summer Term. Amongst many highlights from this term, it is with real pleasure that we share with you our Secondary Showcase, "Dare to Dream", performed by Secondary-aged pupils in our orange and yellow pathways. There were so many powerful messages and memorable moments and we hope you enjoy the film [HERE](#).

In other whole school news, thank you to all of you who responded to the recent questionnaire which formed part of the Wellbeing Award Re-Assessment. The assessor spent many hours going through the evidence, looking at staff and family feedback and met with a range of staff, families and governors. I am delighted to say that the outcome was extremely positive and please see the full report [HERE](#). Supporting the wellbeing and emotional health of our whole school community remains an extremely important aspect of our work and we are never complacent, nor do we take anything for granted. Where there are things to review and refine, we will continue to do so and with this in mind, and in response to the family survey sent out at the end of last year, I wanted to update you on the actions we have taken as a result of your invaluable feedback.

You may recall that we asked you about the scheduling of annual reviews on two of our Training Days; about arrangements for home-school communications; about opportunities for you to contribute to your child's key documentation (Personal Learning Plan, Unique Profile and Happiness Passport); about our website offer; and about potential family events and training opportunities. We are extremely grateful for all your feedback and as a result:

- We have been liaising closely with the Local Authority to ensure Annual Review processes are clearer and more streamlined and, from the start of the new academic year, we will spread annual reviews over the course of the year, rather than concentrating them on two of the Training Days.

- We have been exploring a range of options for home-school communication apps and will run a pilot scheme in the Summer Term. Feedback from this pilot will then shape potential further rollout in the Autumn Term.
- We have already introduced some pathway-specific initiatives and are planning further events and “class connect” sessions in line with your feedback about the areas that are of most interest to you.
- We have improved accessibility features on our website and will continue to update content on a regular basis. If there are any topics that you feel are missing, please let us know and we will happily look into including them.

Thank you again for sharing your feedback, it truly does shape our practice and we hope that the actions above, plus other initiatives already introduced, work for you. We will, of course, continue to reflect, refine and refresh our offer, because quite simply, we never stand still!

One issue that is site-specific relates to road safety and parking at Riverside SPC and I just wanted to take this opportunity to reassure you that in addition to all the excellent campaigning undertaken by some of our families, we have been liaising closely with the council and have had a number of productive conversations in recent months. We are very hopeful that many of our suggestions will be taken on board and as result, hope to see some positive changes in the near future.

We are already looking forward to the Summer Term and everything that this time of year brings. You will receive further details about what we have planned after Easter and in the meantime, I would like to thank you for your support and wish you all a happy and healthy couple of weeks.

With very best wishes,



Steve Solomons
Headteacher