

10<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Dear Families,

I hope that you and your families are all well.

I can't believe we've reached the end of another half term already and, despite the continuing COVID challenges, we have tried really hard to remain upbeat and buoyant throughout. We've said it before and we'll say it again, you and your children deserve nothing less.

In line with our commitment to communicate frequently and openly with you about all COVID-related matters, I can confirm that we have had 7 positive COVID cases this week. Of this week's cases, 3 have been staff and 4 have been pupils (5 at SPC and 2 at Beckenham). One class had more than one positive case and thank you once again for your understanding and support for everything we are doing to manage the current situation. Let's hope that the significant decrease in positive cases this week signals the shape of things to come but whatever the coming weeks bring, we will keep smiling and doing what we can to give your children the very best school experience in the circumstances. We know that the government are considering lifting remaining COVID restrictions in the coming weeks but, as it stands, we will continue with our current control measures until Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February, at which point we will review them again.

You will be aware that tomorrow is a Training Day and we are using the day to hold annual reviews for approximately half of the pupils on all three sites. The remaining half will take place on our next Training Day on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May. If your child's annual review is tomorrow, whether you are coming into school or holding it remotely, I hope it goes well and, as always, if there is anything you would like to share with us, please don't hesitate to do so.

I am delighted to say that we have ended the half term on a real high, marking both Children's Mental Health Week and LGBTQIA+ History Month with our own "Riverside Rainbow Week". Rainbows have come to represent so many things for so many people over the past couple of years and for us, they symbolise hope, optimism, inclusion and love. We will be sharing our film of the week's highlights tomorrow, so please look out for this on social media or via our website.

In keeping with this week's theme, I wanted to share a couple of quotes with you to end today's letter. The first one is "I kind of view everybody like a rainbow. Everybody on the planet has all the colours of the rainbow inside" and the second one is "when I see a rainbow, I know that someone, somewhere loves me".

Wishing you all a happy and healthy half term and we look forward to seeing your children again soon.

With very best wishes,



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