

17th September 2021

Dear Families,

I hope that you are all well. It has been another great week and for those children that have just started with us, it seems like they have fully embraced Riverside life! Please do continue to let us know if there is anything we can do to support you or your child further at this time and, of course, at any time.

Now that we are two weeks into term and with the measured easing of COVID restrictions, we are continuing to review our school systems to ensure that all the lessons learnt over the past 18 months continue to shape our practice. As examples, some children are now having their lunches in class if this works best for them, and this enables us to focus on key independence skills in a quieter, distraction-free environment. For other children, sitting together in the hall at lunchtime has been great to reintroduce. Our approach remains a really personalised one, tailored to each child and this same level of personalisation applies to other aspects of the school day, from playtimes, use of shared spaces and community experiences. This model will always be central to our timetabling and curriculum planning.

As you will know, our commitment has always been to communicate frequently and openly with you about all COVID-related matters, including letting you know about any positive cases at school. Since last Friday, we have had one member of staff testing positive for COVID-19, but no one else has been affected nor missed any school as a result.

For families of children who received their COVID vaccination at school last week, I can confirm that the second dose is scheduled at school for Thursday 4th November. There will be a similar process to last time, namely someone from the surgery will call you prior to the day for you to give consent and we are confident that everything will run smoothly again.

I hope you have a lovely weekend and with very best wishes,



Steve Solomons
Headteacher