

5th February 2021

Dear Families,

As we come to the end of Children's Mental Health Week, I hope that your wellbeing, and the wellbeing of your families is as good as it can be in the current circumstances. As always, please do not hesitate to get in touch if there is anything we can do to support you further.

As promised in previous letters, we will continue to update you on a weekly basis should any of our pupils or staff receive a positive COVID-19 test result across the school. We will of course inform you immediately if your child is directly affected. I can confirm that, since last Friday, we have had one member of staff who has tested positive at Riverside SPC, but as they have been supporting from home recently, no one at school was affected. We have also had one pupil who has tested positive at Riverside SPC, but as they have also been at home, no one at school was affected either. As part of our weekly asymptomatic testing programme across our three sites, we administered 141 tests this week, all of which were negative.

You will be aware that we have been able to secure COVID vaccinations for our staff to provide an extra layer of protection to your children and the whole school community and have increased the number of staff vaccinated again this week. Alongside our robust control measures and weekly testing programme, we are delighted to continue to be able to provide as much continuity as possible for your children, approximately two thirds of whom are now in school. If your child is not currently attending school, your child's class teacher will be in touch with you at the beginning of next week to ask if you would like them to attend after half term. If your child is shielding at home, then please know that we miss them, and we are thinking of them.

We regularly talk about fun, friendships, love and laughter at Riverside School and we wanted to share some particular highlights from Children's Mental Health Week. We think they capture some of the things that remain so important for all of us, and we hope you enjoy them. Click here to view: <https://youtu.be/BA8mF4ftrPw>

Wishing you all a happy, safe and healthy weekend.

With very best wishes,



Steve Solomons
Headteacher