



11<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we start school life in a new way, I thought that it would be helpful to provide an update for parents to ensure that everyone feels safe. Information keeps changing and we all hear information that may not be true so it is important that we are together.

### **This week**

- Every class from Diamonds to Golds has been in school and successfully learnt the new routines that we have in school.
- There was a telephone call with the Local Authority Attendance Officer who said that our attendance figures were really good compared to other schools. Our attendance is generally 98% every day. Thank you parents.
- We have been carrying out assessments of the children to find out what their gaps in learning are and are making sure that we teach so that those gaps are filled.
- We are looking at purchasing hand cream to have in class for the children to use after they have washed their hands. As it gets colder, some children may become more sensitive to washing their hands regularly.
- You may have heard that in a local secondary school, a Year 10 was tested positive for Covid. Public Health England assessed the school, decided that some children that were close to the child self-isolated. The school was deep cleaned and opened the next day. There will be more and more cases of Covid and we all need to make sure that we are doing as much as we can to prevent the spread.

### **Next week**

- Pearls (Nursery) will be open on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday morning. They will eventually be lining up with the infants once they have settled in.
- Parents are really working well together, moving away from the class line. Once the staff are on the playground, parents can leave the site.
- Please remember to distance yourself from other parents. In school, we are trying on have conversations by standing side by side and apart. I would ask that parents do this as well so that we are all safe.

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## Staffing Update

You may have noticed Mrs Barnett and Mrs Botley are in the playground more often. They are part of the senior leadership team at Riverview, with Mrs Bates. They are always willing to answer any questions you may have.

- Mrs Barnett is our Inclusion Leader who is responsible for SEND/ Pupil Premium/ English as an Additional Language
- Mrs Botley is our Curriculum Leader who is responsible for the school curriculum/ teaching, learning and assessment.
- Miss Atkinson is pregnant and due in January 2021. Currently, the government guidance for pregnant women say that she is able to work at school. The governors and I are looking for a teacher to cover her maternity leave which could be any time after half term. If government guidance does not change, Miss Atkinson will be with us until Christmas. As always, we will make sure that the next teacher gets to know Emeralds with Miss Atkinson before she leaves. If you have any questions, please speak to Mrs Atkins. Congratulations Miss Atkinson.
- Thank you parents for continuing to support our new routines and systems so well. The whole school community has come together and made the first full week back a real success. This could not have happened without your support. I know that some of you have had issues with Google Classroom and you remained patient and resilient. More book bags should be in school next week so thank you for following our procedures to keep us all safe.

Have a good weekend and we can do it all again next week.

## Mrs Atkins

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