



18th September 2020

FRIDAY UPDATE

Dear Parents and Carers,

The end of our second full week at school which continues to be successful. The children have settled into school life in bubbles and washing their hands regularly. I am so proud of the way that they have adapted. One child said that yesterday was a great day because there was learning and fun.

This week

- **Attendance was 88% at the beginning of the week and is now 95%.** This is still higher than what is being reported nationally for schools.
- We welcomed Pearls to school. They have learnt their new routines quickly and I know that they will settle into school life well.
- Welcome to all new parents.
- Getting a Covid test is challenging with long waiting lists. Please keep talking to us so that we know how you are doing with this.
- More children are accessing Google Classroom for their homework. The government are urging schools to make sure that 'remote learning' is available for children by the end of September. **PLEASE USE GOOGLE CLASSROOM.** If you have any difficulties, message your classteacher or call the office.
- Parents are distancing really well on the playground – keep doing what you are doing.
- Timings reminder

Sapphires, Emeralds, Opals, Golds AND any younger brothers and sisters	08:40. Younger children to line up by the siblings sign
Pearls, Diamonds, Rubies and Silvers	08:50
<i>Parents are welcome to drop their children in the playground and leave when staff come out. This includes Mrs Atkins/ Mrs Botley/ Mrs Barnett/ Hayley.</i>	

Riverview exists to love, cherish and inspire children and adults within a Christian community

Next week

- The warm weather has meant that jumpers are off. **Please make sure that all school uniform is named.**
- Book bags are back in and available to buy on ParentMail.
- Keep making sure that your child has a water bottle in school.
- We are looking at ways to promote the school within the wider community (on social media as well). If any parents are interested in working with the school to do this, please talk to Mrs Atkins. Thank you to one parent who made some wonderful comments on a Facebook residents' page – it all helps.
- The school diary has been updated on the website. Have a look to see what events are planned. Any 'normal' school events (nativities/Sports Day/production) are planned for this academic year but are subject to government guidance.

Thank you again. The re-opening of Riverview has been so much easier with all the parents' support. The playground is very calm and distanced and the children are ready and keen to learn. Thank you. Despite distancing and new ways of being together, it is lovely to have our community together again.

Mrs Atkins
Headteacher