

## Dear River Bank parents and carers

It has been amazing to have all of our children back for the last three weeks of this term. Your children have come back to school with excitement and have quickly settled back in to their routines. It has been a real pleasure to watch our pupils enjoying learning with their teachers and playing with their friends. We cannot wait to see the children again after the Easter holidays and hope that with warmer weather and longer days, you will all have a lovely break.

Positive cases of Covid-19 are still high in our town so please continue to follow the rules and do everything you can to protect our community. Please see my messages later on in the newsletter about reporting cases as well as engaging in regular asymptomatic testing.

Best wishes  
David Sansom

## Lunches after Easter

We are looking forward to welcoming our new catering company who will be providing the children with their school meals next term. Your child will be bringing home further details today. The menu will also be available on our website [www.riverbankprimary.org](http://www.riverbankprimary.org) Please do not forget to order your child's lunch before they return to school after the holiday.

## COVID-19

Thank you for protecting our pupils, staff and community by wearing face masks while on the school premises. We would like to remind parents that it should only be one parent/adult who drops off and picks up their child/ren and that social distancing still remains at 2 metres.

Parents of children in EYFS to year four should walk their child to their normal morning drop off entrance and not say goodbye to them at the school gates.

Also, we would like to remind parents that if a household member shows any COVID 19 symptoms all the household should stay at home (isolate), until a negative test result has been received and the school notified.

## PCR and LFD Testing During Ramadan

The British Islamic Medical Association's view is that taking polymerase chain reaction (PCR) or lateral flow device (LFD) tests during Ramadan does not invalidate the fast. People may feel more comfortable doing the tests when they are not fasting. In this case, with the move to home-testing, tests can be carried out at any time.

## 'Community Collect' LFT Tests

Families with primary aged children are being encouraged to use lateral flow devices to regularly check members of the household where there are school aged children present. Parents of school aged children are able to collect home testing kits from the community testing sites at Bury Park, Vicarage Street and Hockwell Ring. There is a maximum of 2 boxes per person. Each box contains 7 testing kits. We would encourage families to get involved in this regular testing as a way of keeping our school community safe.



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## Daily Mile Run

Next term, children will be taking part in the daily mile run. Children will need to wear suitable joggers/shorts and footwear (suitable trainers) every day, to enable them to take part in the daily mile run. The bottoms should be plain black joggers or leggings and should not contain any big logos or patterns. The children should still wear their school polo shirt and school jumper/cardigan on the top half as they normally would on non-PE days.

## Red Nose Day

Thank you for your generous contributions. We raised a fantastic £543.00 on Red Nose Day for Comic Relief.

## Year 5 and 6 Extended Days

There was a mistake regarding the days for extended days on the recent clubs letter that come home. Please be aware of the following arrangements:

**Y5 extended days are Mondays and Wednesday after school between 3.30pm and 4.30pm**

**Y6 extended days are Wednesdays and Thursday mornings between 7.45am and 9.00am.**

## Car Drivers

Warmer weather is on its way, so why not make the most of it and walk your child to school, or take the advantage of using the car park in Wardown Park and walking through the park to school? If you do have to drive your child to school, please do not park on the zig zags or yellow lines. Parking inappropriately could lead to an accident that causes real harm to one of our children.

## CYCD (Centre for Youth & Community Development)

CYCD at 94-106 Leagrave Road are a local youth centre who are running a holiday scheme for young people aged 11 – 18, from Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March – Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> April, from 4pm – 7pm. This scheme is for young people to socialise, explore and expand themselves as individuals. For more information contact 07948 182696 or 01582 519500.

## Finally

There will always be someone available to contact at school. We will answer your calls and respond to all emails to [info@riverbankprimary.org](mailto:info@riverbankprimary.org). Please know that you can contact us for anything at all. We will do everything in our power to support our families. Please also remember to use this email to report any positive cases of coronavirus in your family over the Easter holidays.

## Summer Term Start Date

Children return to school on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April.

## Dates for your diary

Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> March 2021	End of term
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> April 2021	Summer term – children return to school
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2021	Bank Holiday
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2021	School finishes for half term holiday
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> June 2021	Children return
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> July 2021	End of term
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2021	Children return to school