

Dear River Bank parents and carers

This time last year, we were in the midst of a spike of Covid-19 cases and were doing everything we could to keep things as normal as possible for the pupils. Scarlet Fever cases across the country have caused many of us to be worried about our children. I hope that the information we have sent home has been useful and we continue to encourage all parents to trust your own judgement if you feel that your child is seriously unwell and contact 111 or your GP.

River Bank, like many other primary schools, has remained open all week, despite the poor weather conditions. We know that across the town some other schools chose to shut. Schools make decisions around closure on an individual basis. We know that whichever decision is taken on this, there will always be some disagreement. Our desire to open is focussed on giving parents a choice so that those parents who work or those who need their children to be in school for other reasons have that option available to them.

I hope you all have a restful Christmas holiday and enjoy spending time together as a family. We look forward to seeing you all again on Wednesday 4th January. Best wishes, David Sansom

Staff Update

Mrs Trainor, one of our deputy headteachers, has been offered a headteacher role at a school outside of Luton and will be leaving us at Easter. Mrs Trainor has been at River Bank since 2016 and has contributed hugely to the success of River Bank Primary's progress. We will start the process of recruiting this month..

We have welcomed Mrs S Begum to our team of office staff. I am sure many of you will have already met her and introduced yourselves.

We will be saying goodbye this term to Mrs H Begum, who has secured a teaching job in London. Although she has only been with us for a short time, we would like to thank Mrs Begum for the wonderful job she has done in Woodpecker Class.

School Council

There has been big election news recently, and River Bank has been joining in with the political debates and voting. The following children have been elected (and in some cases re-elected) as their class school council representative. Well done to the following children; we hope you are able to make a positive difference for your class and the rest of the school: Ayyoob A, Zoya S, Sabira R, Bethany C, Inayah A, Yousuf A, Musa A, Farisha M, Rayyan F, Meher R, Samihah K, Rahim F, Zohaib K, Mitul P, Aryan I, Sofia A, Jasir A, Mustafa G, Isa K, Hafsa H, Misba R and Fatima S.

Pupil Collection

In January, if you are collecting a child from Sparrow, Dove, Woodpecker or Lark Classes and need to collect older children from the main playground, we will trial allowing you to go against the one way system between the times of 15:15 and 15:50. This should only be a small number of parents. The current exit gates remains an exit gate only.

Admissions Policy

Our Admissions Policy is open for consultation and can be found on the school website at <https://www.riverbankprimary.org/attachments/download.asp?file=2897&type=pdf>



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