

14th February 2025

Dear Riverside families,

I hope that you are all well.

It has been another action-packed half term at Riverside School and I hope your child has had a successful one. We know that "success" looks very different for every child – sometimes a breakthrough comes overnight and sometimes, it may be years in the making. Regardless, the sense of achievement is palpable and the impact can be transformative. We never forget how lucky we are to be part of the journey that you and your child are on.

We often talk about our duty to prepare your child for life outside and life beyond Riverside. In fact, it is the first of our ten pledges, that: "we will equip our pupils with a profoundly personalised curriculum framework so that they succeed, flourish and leave their mark on the world". For more details about our pledges and School Development Plan, please see the About Us page [HERE](#).

With the above in mind, it is timely to refer to yesterday's Preparing for Adulthood event held at Riverside SPC. This provided an opportunity for families to hear more about our curriculum model, opportunities within, outside and beyond Riverside and also other organisations that exist to support pupils and families as they move through the school and transition into adulthood. If you weren't able to attend, or would like more information, you can find links to specific support and resources on our website [HERE](#) or by scanning the QR code below:



You may also be interested to know that we have updated our Resources for Families section of the website to include advice on how to ensure your child is on the Learning Disability Register so that GP practices are aware of any reasonable adjustments they may need. There is also information on Annual Health Checks if your child is aged 14+ and how to complete a Hospital Passport to help medical staff support your child should they need to visit. Please click [HERE](#) for further information.

If your child is much earlier in their journey (our youngest pupil is still only 3!), our aim is to immerse them in an educational experience that makes them want to bounce into school in the mornings, whilst learning skills that stand them in good stead in a range of contexts. Unless we

are able to support your child transfer and generalise skills beyond Riverside, we believe that something is missing. This links to the whole premise of our Personal Learning Plans (PLPs) and Happiness Passports. In essence, we will always focus on the things that make the biggest difference to you and your families' lives.

One element of this is the Annual Review process and, if your child's Annual Review is on the 24th February, you will have received a letter accompanying their progress report detailing the process and purpose of the review. We continue to work in partnership with Local Authority colleagues to ensure that this process is as streamlined and clear as possible for all parties.

There are so many things to look forward to next half term and, whichever site, phase or pathway your child is in, we will never tire of finding new ways to excite and engage them; to widen their worlds and enable them to Be All That They Can Be.

That's it for now, other than to thank you for your support and to wish you all a happy and healthy half term.

With very best wishes,



Steve Solomons
Headteacher