

*"...from little rivers mighty oceans grow!"*

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Dear parents and carers,

We hope you are all keeping well.

At the start of each academic year we like to share our school priorities and aims with all our families to give us a strong sense of direction and purpose.

Our first priority this year is to successfully work through COVID-19. This means we want to give each student the very best educational experience to help them make excellent progress whilst adapting our environment and curriculum to keep everyone safe.

We have had a positive start to the year and our students have settled well into their routines and learning. We are closely supporting a small number of students who have found the return to school difficult. For these students we are pleased with the small (but significant) steps of progress they are making each day which is a credit to our staff team.

Our home learning website, is being shared with the Department of Education as an example of best practice and we have also received feedback from our families which we have valued and appreciated. All our home learning resources are available using the following link:

<http://riverbankacademy.org.uk/riverbank-academy-home-learning/>

If there is anything you would like us to add to our home learning page please let us know.

Our second priority this year is to slowly grow the number of students we have in our school from 2020-2023. We currently have 176 students in our school and we expect this to increase to around 200 by 2022-2023.

To support this, the government and local authority are commissioning a new building extension for Riverbank Academy. This will include a new drive in and out of school, a larger car park, a new transport compound, additional classrooms and specialist facilities. We are hoping this work will be completed by the end of 2021. During this time, our priority will be focussed on minimising disruption to learning whilst the building work is being carried out on site.

Prior to any work starting, we will be consulting with all our families and wider community over the next two months on the plans and proposals for expansion. We are all very excited about the new building, the facilities and opportunities this will bring.

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We have a **staff training day on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020** and we would like to wish all our families a restful half term holiday and look forward to seeing all our students back on **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2020**.

As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,



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