



Monday 7th December 2020

Dear Parent and Carers,

COVID-19 Lateral Flow Testing
Riverside Bridge School and Trinity School

We were pleased to hear that the Directors of Public Health and Education for Barking and Dagenham have prioritised our schools in order to protect our most vulnerable children and young people, and their access to learning. As Special schools are in the most challenging situation they have been given priority to begin a programme of twice-weekly testing. This will commence on Monday 4th January 2021 for all Riverside Bridge School and Trinity School staff.

This will provide an important layer of protection against COVID-19 for our children and staff as we go through the winter months. Staff will have their COVID test result within 30 minutes and that will mean that we can isolate those staff immediately and reduce transmission on site.

Planning is well underway and in order to support the launch of this, both schools will remain closed to pupils on Monday 4th January 2021.

Staff will be in touch during that day to confirm your child's return date.

We look forward to welcoming you back knowing that we have reduced the chances of catching COVID-19 for you and your family.

Wishing you a safe and peaceful holiday and a more hopeful new year.

Kindest regards,

Mrs Cerri
Headteacher
Riverside Bridge School

Mrs Ball
Headteacher
Trinity School