

BOURNE ABBEY CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY ACADEMY

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I can't believe we are in the last full week of this very strange and unprecedented school year. I hope you have enjoyed reading the children's end of year school reports. We are as ever, so hugely proud of all our children, who have coped brilliantly at school and home during these challenging months. Thank you also for the very positive feedback following the classes information yesterday. It is so exciting for me that our teachers relish the opportunity to teach at any of our three fabulous schools. We have such an awesome Abbey Academies Trust staff team and wonderful, talented teachers who readily and enthusiastically move between our schools and many of our teachers who accept new and exciting challenges within our schools. Lucky us!!!

As promised, we have uploaded the optional summer holiday learning packs for each year group on the school websites and Facebook pages.

The Senior Leadership Team (SLT) have spent many hours deliberating over our plans for full opening on September 1st. This day is an INSET day and then we will welcome our children back on Wednesday 2nd September. We can't wait!!!!!!! Keeping everyone safe is our main priority and we have therefore meticulously planned for opening all three of our schools with the utmost care. Although many of our measures will be similar across all three of our schools, we have ensured that we also have specific individual school arrangements, as our schools are all very different. Please find attached the updated FAQs for parents and carers for Bourne Abbey.

Our aim is to make the timings of the school day as 'normal' as possible, not only for the children, but also to support Parents and Carers. This is also why we will be opening our Kids' Club provision before and after school from September 2nd. We feel confident that our plans mean that we do not need a reduced timetable or part days. We have though made provision for a slightly later start for our Reception pupils to aid their transition for Term 1 at Bourne Abbey.

Please can I reassure you that our COVID-19 risk assessment will remain 'live' throughout the summer holiday and from September 1st. We will continue to act swiftly to any Government and Public Health England guidance and directives. If any of our plans need to change during the summer, I will be in contact via ParentMail, the school website and Facebook to keep you fully informed.

As you will see in the FAQs document, we will be offering our usual ambitious, creative and broad curriculum in all subjects from the start of the Autumn term. We will of course plan on the basis of the educational needs of our children and address any gaps in their knowledge and skills. We will maintain our high expectations and aspirational targets for all our children. Intervention, provision and 'catch up' will be in place for the core areas of the curriculum. We absolutely understand that many of our children may experience a variety of emotions in response to Coronavirus and returning to school. Our Mental Health and Wellbeing First Aiders will be available to work with the children. All our staff will provide plenty of pastoral support to all the children, including rebuilding friendships and addressing and responding to issues linked to Covid-19.

We hope that our FAQs document answers the questions and concerns you may have. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any further questions. We are still navigating through uncharted Coronavirus territory and welcome any thoughts and advice you may have.

I would like to take this opportunity to say what a privilege it continues to be for me to be your Executive Headteacher. There have been many challenges and successes this year especially! It has not always been easy and I have learnt so much. Although I don't want to single anyone out, I must say a heartfelt thank you to our amazing SLT and our Co-Chairs of Trustees, John Kirkman and Duncan Pickering, who have shared the whole COVID-19 journey so far with me. I absolutely could not have managed these uncertain times without their support, guidance, hard work and kindness.

I know you feel the same sense of pride as I do in all involved in the learning and teaching at our schools. I know we will continue to flourish and blossom in the future and I look forward to our next adventures. As I have said before, the success we have **all** achieved is only possible because of extremely effective, skilled, capable and enthusiastic staff, wonderful children who rise to challenges, love learning and truly understand our 'take care' ethos on all levels, and Parents/Carers and Trustees/Governors who so readily contribute to the life of our schools.

THANK YOU for all your support, kindness and understanding and for trusting your precious children and schools in my care.

Have a wonderful summer and, as ever, please 'take care' and stay safe.



Yours sincerely

Mrs Sarah Moore
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