

ABBEY ACADEMIES TRUST
Executive Headteacher: Mrs S J Moore

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you are all well, keeping safe with your families and enjoying the fabulous sunshine.

As you are aware all three of our schools in Abbey Academies Trust started a phased return for our Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 pupils and continue to be open for our Keyworkers' and vulnerable children.

As I have said previously, our risk assessment continues to be a 'live' document and if your child/ren has returned this week please do not hesitate to contact me if you have had any concerns, in order that I can adapt the risk assessment if necessary. We will continue to follow Government, DfE and Public Health England advice and directives.

I would like to take this opportunity to say how fantastic it has been to see so many children return with such enthusiasm and sparkle. How wonderful to hear the joyful sound of children's voices and laughter once again in all three of our schools.

The children have been incredibly sensible and caring in their new 'bubbles'. We are so very proud of them! This week so far we have had on average 90 children at Bourne Abbey, 40 children at Bourne Elsea Park and 20 at Colsterworth. This has meant we can safely keep 2m apart and even lunch times have been easily organised. Some year groups have not been 'spilt', as the numbers of those in are under 15. At Bourne Abbey and Bourne Elsea Park, if the numbers do increase in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6, we do have plans in place to start new 'bubbles'. Rather than splitting the existing 'bubbles' however, the new bubbles may only have a very small number of children in. Although this is not ideal, it is the safest thing we can do. We will talk to you individually about this if the situation occurs to reassure you.

I must say a huge thank you to the staff team across all three schools who continue to provide home learning and to be back in school. All members of staff have returned to our schools unless they have a letter to say they need to shield or if they have a member of their own household who is clinically extremely vulnerable. There are only a handful of staff in this situation and I know they sincerely wish they could be back in school to join us. Although all anxious in these challenging and unprecedented circumstances, the smooth return this week could not have happened without staff's flexibility and enthusiasm. Their love and care for our children is exceptional. Our Mental Health and Well-being First Aiders have been on hand since Monday to support the children back in school, alongside teachers and TAs. The children's emotional health and well-being will continue to be a priority for all our children as we return to more 'normal' times.

Although we have welcomed many of our children back this week, we are still thinking of the children not back in school just yet. We are continuing to provide weekly home learning packs and I know that some of you have been collecting additional exercise books to help with home learning. As there is now more 'new learning', please remember to contact the class teachers if you need any support with the learning being sent home. Please also remember that we are mindful not to cause you any additional stress with home learning.

We will still be having our planned INSET day on Friday 26th June. Our three schools will only be open on this day for Keyworkers' and vulnerable children.

Staff have written wonderful reports for the end of this academic year and you will receive these and news about classes for September on the planned date of July 13th.

Once again I would like to thank you all as parents and carers, for being so positive and supportive with the arrangements we have put in place and how we continue to journey through COVID-19 times.

We could not do this without your kindness and support.

Take care and stay safe as ever.

Yours sincerely



Mrs Sarah Moore
Executive Headteacher