

ABBAY ACADEMIES TRUST
Executive Headteacher: Mrs S J Moore

6th July 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you are all safe and well and getting used to some kind of the new normal.

It really has been fabulous to see more of our children in school since June 1st and continue to provide home learning for our children who haven't returned just yet.

We want to say a heartfelt thank you to you for the many messages of support we continue to receive regarding home learning and also to those of you who have made coming back to school as orderly, safe and happy for our children as possible.

I'm sure many of you are thinking about the summer holiday coming up and have many questions regarding all children returning to our schools in September. We simply can't wait to see all our children back in school!!

Senior Leaders have been meeting since the Government's announcement last Thursday and we are very confident, based on our successful return in June, that we will be able to manage September's return. These plans need to be meticulous and we will share them with you on Tuesday 14th July after you have received your child/ren's reports and the class letters.

We have been busy preparing videos to help with transition in September and these will be available on our websites and Facebook pages on Monday 13th July. We will also be sending optional home 'catch up' learning for the summer break on Tuesday 14th July and there will be an updated FAQs sheet which we hope will answer any questions you may have. This will still give you the opportunity to contact us before the end of the term with any concerns or queries. Many of you now know that we have organised the Free School Meal vouchers for the summer, please get in touch if you need any further support with this.

We will not be open during the summer holiday so that our schools can be deep cleaned and for staff to ensure all is ready for the new academic year. We will however continue to support our vulnerable families and SEND children throughout this time. Myself, Jill Bates, Sarah Buttress, Louise Jordan, Peter Bellamy, Linda Orme and Linsey Leafé will be reviewing the COVID-19 situation throughout the summer holiday period and if there are any changes from the Government and Public Health England, we will be able to react swiftly and change our plans accordingly. I will continue to contact you during the holidays if necessary and appropriate.

Although in this letter I am not providing you with details about how we will operate in September, I think it would be useful for you to know that we will be running our Kids' Club provision both before and after school from September. This is because we know it is a vital support mechanism for many of you. In the Department for Education's latest guidance, which was published last week, it is stated that "Schools should carefully consider how they can make such provision work alongside their wider protective measures, including keeping children in small, consistent groups". To ensure that this is the case, we will be sending out registration forms later this week which will allow us to keep within the numbers of pupils we can safely accommodate to make this work.

Having recently had the privilege of writing comments on many of the children's end of year reports, I know that you and your child/ren will be very proud when they arrive in the post later this week.

Thank you for your ongoing support and please 'take care' and stay safe as ever.

Yours sincerely



Mrs Sarah Moore
Executive Headteacher