

ABBAY ACADEMIES TRUST
Executive Headteacher: Mrs S J Moore

16th June 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all still well and staying safe as we continue to transition into more 'normal' times.

I would like to say a heartfelt thank you to many of you who have taken the time to thank me personally and our fantastic Abbey Academies staff team for the last two weeks since our partial reopening. Thank you for writing lovely emails, cards or verbally thanking us for how we are keeping everyone as safe as we can and for the work we continue to send home each week. I'm sure you can imagine the incredible responsibility in ensuring we stay safe in these challenging times.

Senior Leaders are continuing to meet regularly to review all we are doing. I would also like to thank those of you who have been in touch with your observations, and I hope you feel we have responded quickly and positively to your worries and suggestions. We have reviewed the 'live' risk assessment and we will continue to do this, so please keep letting us know. We are fully aware that not all primary schools have taken the same approach to COVID-19 arrangements and we want to reassure you that we do not take your views as criticism, we absolutely welcome any support and advice you can share with us.

Following the government's announcement last week, we will not be taking in pupils from other year groups for the remainder of this academic year, only Keyworker's and vulnerable children as usual. The number of these children and our Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 children is steadily growing, so we would also like to reassure you that we will start limiting the number of new children, if we cannot maintain safe bubbles.

Although it has been fabulous to see even more of our children back with us in school, we continue to be mindful of our children working hard at home. They have the weekly learning packs and today we are posting a video Collective Worship for each school which we know the children will love. Early next week Senior Leaders are going to have a go too! It might not be quite as good but we will try, so watch this space!! I am still enjoying sending my personal emails to children who are sharing their photos and videos of the things they are doing at home too!

We are liaising with local secondary schools for our Year 6 children to support them with transitioning to secondary school. We, and their new schools, will be in touch with details in the coming weeks.

As ever, we are so proud of our children in school and at home, working hard like the geese (and you Parents/Carers too!).



Please do not hesitate to contact me and stay safe as ever.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Sarah Moore
Executive Headteacher