

ABBAY ACADEMIES TRUST
Executive Headteacher: Mrs S J Moore

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you once again for your continued support and suggestions.

I am becoming increasingly aware that for some of you a big concern is that our teachers are not responding to the online learning they set and also that teachers haven't been phoning individual pupils who are not back in school. Although I do appreciate these concerns, I would like to say again that all schools are taking a different approach to COVID-19 times and we, like other schools, continue to be as flexible and adaptable as possible whilst keeping everyone safe.

We appreciate other schools are operating a more 'part time' approach to their school day or week, but I must stress that on June 1st we returned to our three schools every day and for the usual school hours for our Reception, Year 1, Year 6, Keyworkers' and vulnerable children. We are also extremely lucky that many of our teachers and Teaching Assistants have been able to return to work at this time and therefore the children have all had a teacher in their smaller class 'bubbles' as well as TA support. As I have also said previously, in order to do this, we have many teachers currently teaching outside their usual year group with much enthusiasm and care. Obviously though, this means that our teachers are not able to respond to the online learning during their teaching time, although they do prepare the remote home learning and videos after they have been teaching the children throughout the school day.

We have been in contact with children when they have sent their learning to us by email and indeed we have also contacted children by phone when parent/carers have said this would help their child/ren's mental health and well-being and we will of course continue to do this.

You will see in my letter to the children today that we absolutely have not forgotten our children working at home and that their home learning is extremely important to us.

These continue to be challenging and unprecedented times in school and at home and we will endeavour to do our very best for all.

Take care and stay safe as ever.

Yours sincerely



Mrs Sarah Moore
Executive Headteacher