

**ABBAY ACADEMIES TRUST**  
**Executive Headteacher: Mrs S J Moore**

23<sup>rd</sup> June 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

As always, I hope you are all safe and well. How lovely that the sun is shining once again.

Following on from my letter last week please can I remind you that if you have any concerns about your child/ren who are not in school at this time, including their mental health and wellbeing and/or online learning, please do either phone or email us and we will make sure you can speak to a member of the leadership team or class teacher. I know many of you have been in touch and we hope this will continue to support you and our children with home learning.

Although we are still unclear what the next academic year will look like, as we await direction from the Government and Public Health England, we are optimistically planning the school diary. Some of you know we are also considering residential visits for the next academic year and we recently sent a letter out regarding a residential next year for our current Year 5s. It is important that in any of our considerations, not only do we seek your views about this, but that you know we are very mindful of the situation that we are likely to experience through to April 2021 is that of restricted travel, increased PPE publicly, and a degree of social distancing. Added to this the increased pressure on family finances, the ability of some and increasingly more in our wider school bubble to be able to afford some residential trips may be limited. Any decisions we make will be concerned with welfare, risk, and social value (inclusivity).

Senior Leaders are meeting this week to discuss Free School Meals provision for the summer holiday following the fantastic news that the government are now committed to funding free school meals for families at this challenging time. We will be in touch as soon as we have finalised how this will work best for our school communities.



We are also planning to send some 'catch up' work home for the summer holidays which will be optional. We know that for some, this work will be welcome, but for others, a break from home learning and a holiday is also important. You may even choose to do a little of both and we just want to be as supportive as we can for everyone. I will be able to share more information about this in a letter next week.

We are delighted that we have been able to welcome so many more Keyworkers' children into school since June 1<sup>st</sup>. However, we do need to ensure that our capacity does not exceed the maximum number set by the Government for each 'bubble'. We should therefore be grateful that if you are a Keyworker and need this provision, you email:

[BEP.enquiries@abbeyacademies.co.uk](mailto:BEP.enquiries@abbeyacademies.co.uk)  
[BAP.enquiries@abbeyacademies.co.uk](mailto:BAP.enquiries@abbeyacademies.co.uk)

on Thursday of each week to inform us of the days you require for the following week so that we do not exceed our safe 'bubble' capacity.

Although we would ideally want all of our children back in our schools, we must adhere to the Government COVID-19 guidelines. At Colsterworth however, due to the smaller pupil numbers and staff numbers currently in school, we can safely allow our Year 2 cohort to return to school from Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June for the remainder of this academic year. This is a much smaller than average cohort but please could you complete the online survey so that we can make suitable provision.

<https://forms.gle/jQyuKcmwZwbsGxL27>

Any queries please do not hesitate us and thank you for your ongoing support.

Take care and stay safe.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Moore', written in a cursive style.

Mrs Sarah Moore  
Executive Headteacher