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25<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

You will know from my letter dated 23<sup>rd</sup> February that our before and after school Kids' Club provision will re-open from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March. We are delighted to be able to do this as we know it is a vital support mechanism for many of you.

If your child was registered for Kids' Club at the end of Term 2, we will assume that they will still be attending on the same days unless you contact us to advise otherwise. Invoices will be prepared on that basis.

If your child was not attending Kids' Club at the end of Term 2 but you need to access the provision now, please contact us on <u>BAP.enquiries@abbeyacademies.co.uk</u> to enquire about a place. Requests for additional places will only be granted if bubble size allows.

In the Department for Education's latest guidance for schools, which was published earlier this week, it is stated that 'From 8 March, you should work to resume .... wraparound childcare for your pupils, where this provision is necessary to support parents to work, attend education and access medical care, and is as part of pupil's wider education and training.'

The guidance also asks us to advise parents/carers that where they are accessing this provision for their children, that they must only be using this, where:

- the provision is being offered as part of the school's educational activities (including catch-up provision)
- the provision is as part of their child's efforts to obtain a regulated qualification or meet the entry requirements of an education institution
- the use of the provision is reasonably necessary to support them to work, seek work, undertake education or training, attend a medical appointment or address a medical need or attend a support group

We have taken the decision that Holiday Club will not be open during the Easter holidays. Although we know from our experience in Autumn term that we can run Breakfast and After School club successfully using a bubble system, it is not viable for us to replicate that with the number of children who attend Holiday Club. This will also allow school to be deep cleaned ready for the Summer term. We will review this again in Term 5 in respect of Holiday Club for May half-term.

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

Yours sincerely

Mrs Sarah Moore Executive Headteacher