



BOURNE ABBEY C of E PRIMARY ACADEMY SEPTEMBER 2021 FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What time is the school open?	<p>Our core hours will be.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School office 8.00 am to 4.00 p.m. • Main school will be open at different times for different year groups- see below • Abbey Ark and Kids' Club 7.30am – 6.00pm 																					
What are the arrangements for dropping off and collection?	<p>We have continued to stagger drop off and collection.</p> <p>Parents/Carers and children are to come in through the allocated gates as detailed in the table.</p> <p>Please note we are operating a one-way system and that gates for drop off and pick up are different.</p> <p>We will continue to use the path and gate to the side of the staff car park.</p> <p>Parents/Carers will bring their child(ren) onto school grounds and the children will either line up with their teacher or be escorted straight to their classrooms. Please collect your child(ren) from the appropriate external door. There will be plenty of people around to guide you.</p> <p>Please stick to the times and gates listed below to allow us to get all children into school as quickly and safely as possible.</p> <p>If your children have different drop off times, please drop off towards the end of the earlier time.</p> <p>If your children have different pick up times, please wait on the playground until the later time.</p> <p>Reception parents/carers will be able to take their children to the classroom door to support transition but will not be allowed to go into the classroom.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>Gate – to come in with children</th> <th>Time</th> <th>Once children have been dropped off, please leave via</th> <th>Gate to come in to collect</th> <th>Time</th> <th>Once children have been picked up, please leave via</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Reception</td> <td>Manning or Abbey Road</td> <td>8.45 – 8.55</td> <td>Staff car park</td> <td>Staff car park</td> <td>3.25</td> <td>Manning or Abbey Road</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Year 1</td> <td>Manning or Abbey Road</td> <td>8.35 – 8.45</td> <td>Staff car park</td> <td>Staff car park</td> <td>3.15</td> <td>Manning or</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		Gate – to come in with children	Time	Once children have been dropped off, please leave via	Gate to come in to collect	Time	Once children have been picked up, please leave via	Reception	Manning or Abbey Road	8.45 – 8.55	Staff car park	Staff car park	3.25	Manning or Abbey Road	Year 1	Manning or Abbey Road	8.35 – 8.45	Staff car park	Staff car park	3.15	Manning or
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Gates will be opened at 8.35 am and 3.10 pm.

Abbey Ark are to use their usual gate alongside the staff car park. Children from Jolly Giraffes and Happy Hippos whose surnames begin A – I, please arrive at 9.00 am and pick up at 3.00 pm. Those children with surnames J – Z please arrive at 9.15 am and collect at 3.15 pm.

Kids' Club will have their usual access arrangements. Please note that the school car park will be closed to cars from 8.30 until 9.15 a.m. and between 3.00 and 3.30 p.m. Please contact us should you have any access needs.

There will always be a member of the Leadership Team available to support children's safe arrival/departure to and from school.

Please be assured that we will regularly review the arrangements and amend if necessary.

Does my child have to come to school in September?

School attendance will be mandatory for all pupils from September 2021. The usual rules on school attendance apply, including:

- *parents' duty to secure their child's regular attendance at school (where the child is a registered pupil at school and they are of compulsory school age)*
- *schools' responsibilities to record attendance and follow up absence*
- *the availability to issue sanctions, including fixed penalty notices in line with local authorities' codes of conduct*

As a school, we will not be issuing fixed penalty notices to families at this time, but if your child(ren) does not return we will make contact with you to discuss the reasons why. We will work closely with you to reassure you and your

	child(ren) that we have put in place all the necessary protective measures to enable all of our children to return to school in September.
Can Years 5 & 6 children walk home from school on their own?	Year 5 and 6 children, with new written permission from a Parent/Carer, may walk home on their own. Teachers will check who has new permission from September. Please email your permission to the school enquiries email address.
Will Parents/Carers be able to access school?	If you wish to communicate with the teacher please telephone school or email the enquiries email address to make an appointment. BAP.enquiries@abbeyacademies.co.uk 01778 422163
I understand that the children will be in their classes. How will that work?	At Step 4, July 19 th , the Government no longer recommend that it is necessary to keep children in consistent groups ('bubbles'). This means that bubbles will not need to be used in schools from the autumn term. Government guidance also allows schools who are still open at Step 4 to continue with control measures until the end of our summer term on July 21 st 2021 and it is our intention to do this. This facilitates flexibility in curriculum delivery and means that collective worship/ assemblies can resume and we no longer need to make alternative arrangements to avoid mixing at break and lunch times.
Will children be able to have a school meal or should they all bring a packed lunch?	Ideal School Meals will be providing school meals. Orders can be placed online in the normal way. The Autumn term menu will include hot and cold meal options. If you have not ordered a school meal for your child you must provide a packed lunch.
Does my child have to wear school uniform?	Children should wear full school uniform. Uniform can be ordered in the usual way from KitmanUK on https://www.kitmanuk.co.uk/product-category/school-college/ or by visiting the shop. We will of course take a mindful and considerate approach in relation to families who may be experiencing financial pressures at this time.
Will my child need their PE kit?	Yes, the children will be doing PE regularly and should bring their PE kit to school. PE kits will be sent home on Friday each week to be washed ready for Monday.
Should my child bring in their water bottle?	We will provide a new named school water bottle for each child from the start of Term 1 in September. They will bring it home at the end of the day for washing and should bring it back the following day. Please note that the water bottle should not be used for squash or any other drinks. Children should bring a separate drink with them to have with their lunch.

Will the children in Early Years and KS1 receive a healthy snack each day?	Yes.
Will the under 5s receive free school milk?	Yes.
What can my child bring in from home?	<p>We would ask that as little as possible is sent to school. We will accept book bags/ruck-sacks, packed lunches, water bottles, a single snack for morning break, inhalers, auto-adrenaline injectors and sun cream, but all items must be named.</p> <p>Some learning will take place outdoors. Please ensure that you provide a sunhat and apply sun cream in the morning before your child comes to school or send them with a waterproof as appropriate.</p> <p>The school will provide books and writing equipment for each child in school and there is no need for children to bring in pencil cases.</p> <p>Please ensure up to date medication (such as asthma inhalers) are in school.</p> <p>We will be sending reading books and learning diaries home with the children as usual.</p>
What will the children be learning in school?	<p>We will continue to teach an exciting, ambitious and broad curriculum in all subjects. Details are on our website as usual.</p> <p>Our highly skilled teachers will quickly assess where any gaps in children's learning are and high-quality provision, for children of all abilities, will be put in place to close these gaps. There will be an emphasis on reading widely and developing knowledge and vocabulary.</p> <p>We will also focus on PSHE and mental health and well-being which will include building friendships and reintroducing school routines.</p>
Will outside providers teach children in school?	<p>External providers for PE and music will be teaching in school. We have updated our 'live' COVID-19 risk assessment for this provision.</p> <p>Peripatetic music lessons will resume in school from September 2021.</p>
My child usually attends sensory circuits, will this still be available?	Sensory circuits will resume from September 2021.
What well-being and mental health support will be available for my child?	<p>Our experience so far is that children are particularly resilient, adapt quickly and have adapted well to changing circumstances and routines. However, we have not taken this for granted and have planned to provide support for children to adjust to the return to school routines in September 2021.</p> <p>Our trained mental health and wellbeing first aiders will be on hand to support our pupils. All our staff will provide pastoral support for our children.</p>

	<p>We will continue to share information from Healthy Minds through ParentMail, Facebook and the school website.</p>
<p>Do children or adults need to wear a face covering?</p>	<p>From Step 4, face coverings will no longer be advised for pupils, staff and visitors either in classrooms or in communal areas.</p> <p>From Step 4, face coverings are also no longer recommended to be worn on dedicated transport to school and are no longer legally required on public transport.</p> <p>We will not be asking staff or parent/carers to wear face coverings at drop-off and collection from September 2021.</p>
<p>What hygiene routines will be followed in school?</p>	<p>We will ensure we adhere to Government guidelines which include avoiding contact with anyone with symptoms, frequent hand cleaning and good hygiene practice and regular cleaning of settings. We will reinforce with the children on a daily basis the importance of regular effective hand washing, covering coughs and sneezes with a tissue and disposing of it and not touching eyes/nose/mouth with unwashed hands. Posters will be displayed around school for pupils and adults.</p> <p>We would ask that you continue to reinforce these messages at home.</p> <p>Our cleaning team will be on-site to clean during the day and each evening in preparation for the next day with a particular focus on frequently touched surfaces and toilets.</p>
<p>What procedures will be followed if a pupil or member of staff develops symptoms of COVID-19?</p>	<p>We have produced a thorough 'live' risk assessment which will be followed rigorously.</p> <p>Pupils, staff and other adults should follow public health advice on when to self-isolate and what to do. They should not come into school if they have symptoms, have had a positive test result or other reasons requiring them to stay at home due to the risk of them passing on COVID-19 (for example, they are required to quarantine).</p> <p>If anyone in our school develops COVID-19 symptoms, however mild, they will be sent home and should follow public health advice.</p> <p>Everyone with symptoms should avoid using public transport and, wherever possible, be collected by a member of their family or household.</p> <p>If a pupil is awaiting collection, they will left in a room on their own if possible and safe to do so. A window will be opened for fresh air ventilation if possible. Appropriate PPE will also be used if close contact is necessary. The room they use should be cleaned after they have left. The household (including any siblings) should follow the PHE stay at home guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection.</p>
<p>What happens with NHS Test and Trace?</p>	<p>From Step 4, close contacts will be identified via NHS Test and Trace and school will no longer be expected to undertake contact tracing.</p> <p>As with positive cases in any other setting, NHS Test and Trace will work with the positive case to identify close contacts. Contacts from a school</p>

	<p>setting will only be traced by NHS Test and Trace where the positive case specifically identifies the individual as being a close contact. This is likely to be a small number of individuals who would be most at risk of contracting COVID-19 due to the nature of the close contact. School may be contacted in exceptional cases to help with identifying close contacts, as currently happens in managing other infectious diseases.</p> <p>From 16 August 2021, children under the age of 18 years old will no longer be required to self-isolate if they are contacted by NHS Test and Trace as a close contact of a positive COVID-19 case.</p> <p>Instead, children will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace, informed they have been in close contact with a positive case and advised to take a PCR test. We would encourage all individuals to take a PCR test if advised to do so.</p> <p>School will continue to have a role in working with health protection teams in the case of a local outbreak. If there is an outbreak in a school or if central government offers the area an enhanced response package, a director of public health might advise a setting to temporarily reintroduce some control measures.</p>
What happens if there is a 'local lockdown'?	In the event of a local lockdown and schools are closed, we will be in contact with you and remote learning will be provided for the duration of the lockdown.
What happens if my child is absent due to COVID-19?	In the event of absence due to COVID-19 children will be provided with Seesaw remote learning on the second day of absence if they are well enough to complete it.
How do I report my child's absence?	<p>You should report your child's absence in the usual way by phoning school by 9.00 am and leaving a message. All unexplained absence will be followed up by our admin team as normal.</p> <p>We will follow the usual Children Missing Education (CME) procedures with the Local Authority including our vulnerable children.</p>
Will children go swimming?	We are currently liaising with the local leisure centre about swimming lessons and will keep you updated.
Will you be taking the children on educational visits outside of school?	<p>We will be resuming a wealth of educational visits from September 2021. Unfortunately we will not be going to France due to the timing of the relaxation of the restrictions.</p> <p>Abbey Academies Trust will ensure that any new bookings have adequate financial protection in place.</p>
Will after school clubs be running?	A range of extra-curricular clubs will resume from September 2021.

The government's parent/carer guidance for returning to school can be found at (please note, this is updated regularly)

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak>