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Dear Families,

I sincerely hope this letter finds you safe and well. I'm sure it goes without saying that we are all feeling slightly apprehensive about July 19th 'freedom day' and what this means for ourselves, our families and communities that we live in. I am also sure that you will be seeing the increase in positive cases of covid within our communities but also the amount of vaccinations that are given daily by the NHS. If you are struggling to get a vaccine and do wish to have one please contact school as we will be happy to advise you on how you can keep safe. I would also plea to you all to continue testing at home both your children and any adults and remain at home if any of the tests results as positives. It is only this way that we will be able to live what we all remember as a 'normal' life.

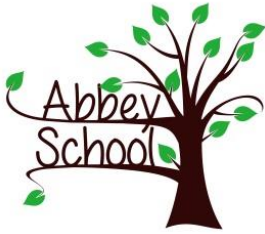
There are lots of updates for you as we end our current academic year and start the new one. It has been a pleasure to see our newest members of the #teamabbey family settle so well this morning and for those families who have been with us a while, it never fails to impress me on the warm welcome that your children give to our newest pupils. Please do contact school should you have any questions or queries, I understand the change is huge for some families in the sense that you may no longer have face to face contact with a member of staff. We are extremely mindful of this so please do not hesitate in contacting staff for an update.

As the long summer holidays arrive we would also direct you to the activities that Rotherham Parents Forum are hosting and encourage you to participate as little or as much with the wide range of family activities. More information is available on the website <https://www.rpcf.co.uk/>

I have attached brief updates to this letter to keep you informed of school information but would like to express a huge welcome to our new families and a thanks to those more established families for their support of school through a very mixed year in terms of covid interruptions. It is a true reflection of the relationship between the school and families that together we have managed a very difficult time through communication and kindness.

I hope when the summer break arrives you all fill the family memory jar with moments to treasure and you enjoy time with your wonderful children.





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Yours Sincerely

Mrs L Windle

Executive Headteacher

Mr W Askham

Head of School

Updates on classes –

Lower School- Miss Yorke

L1 – Ms Woodcock

L2- Miss Hamilton

L3 –Miss James/ Miss Day

L4 – Miss Foster

L5 – Mr Lee

L6 –Miss Warrington

Upper – Ms Newbolt

U1-Miss Smith

U2 – Miss Tapp

U3- Mr Horstead

U4 –Miss Noble

U5 – Miss Smith

U6 – Miss Adey

U7 – Mr Shirazi

Horizon Ms Lang

Mr Brewer

Miss Proctor

WAVEE – Ms Shimwell

Michelle Puente

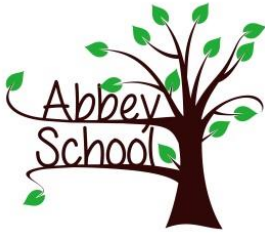
Jack Waldron

Zoe Ross

Safeguarding Updates

You may have seen reported in the press about an Ofsted report into sexual abuse in schools. I want to reassure you that we take safeguarding very seriously at Abbey School. In this, we have looked at the recommendations of the report and revisited many of our systems and policies to check we are doing our absolute best to safeguard all children but also offer them an opportunity to talk about their concerns, worries or complain about the services they receive. Within school we have the 'Listen Up' project which is a card that each child has access to as a way in which to complain about the services they receive. Staff will pick up children that want to report their concerns and worries and act accordingly.





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We also have a 'worry club' provided by the pupil leadership team who are available if pupils want to talk to other pupils rather than an adult. This group of pupils are available at lunch and breaktimes and have training in passing on other pupils worries. Finally as a result of the Ofsted report outcomes we have invested in the whisper website tool. This is a link that anyone in our school community can report their concerns anonymously so that it helps the school keep everyone safe. You will find the logo for whisper on the home page of the website or you can text the number attached to the poster.

Healthy Schools Reminder

Please do ensure you are sending healthy lunch boxes to school with your children. Fizzy drinks are not allowed in school, neither are sweets. Fresh fruit and vegetable snacks are always available throughout school and we encourage all pupils to have the healthiest option when choosing food and snacks.

