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Dear Families,

I hope your Summer break has gone well and you have managed to make some fantastic memories with your children. We are looking forward to having your children back into school on Monday 6th September 2021.

Covid Updates

From September, the Government guidance is that masks do not need to be used in schools, however they are still recommended on school transport. Family feedback has shown that it is easier for families when school does the LFT tests for pupils as this elevates the stress of doing the test on your child and the reporting of the test. Therefore we will be testing your child in school every Monday and Thursday. You will receive the test result via text / email each time and we do require your permission to do the test on your behalf so please ensure you complete the link here <http://abbeyschool.co/url/?Est4tuLs>

It is worth noting that Rotherham cases and the surrounding areas have some of the highest rates in the country so testing will enable us to keep the school running with as little disturbance as possible. Your willingness to let us perform the tests is most appreciated.

Should your child be in contact with anyone who has Covid or you have Covid in the household, please ensure you call school immediately as it may mean that your child does not have to isolate. We will give further guidance on this should a confirmed or suspected case be reported to us. The Government description of an 'outbreak' in a special school is currently 2 directly linked cases of pupils or staff. Should this happen, Public Health may take a decision to add restrictions into school, hence the importance of our testing policy and honesty on any close contact cases.

If you or anyone in your household need support with gaining a vaccine please do not hesitate to contact us as we are able to support you with this. Students from 16 years upwards are able to be vaccinated and some children from 12 years where there is an extremely clinically vulnerable adult in the household are entitled to a vaccine also.

School Uniform

As a school we pride ourselves on school uniform, we ensure that uniform is as cost effective and accessible as possible so please ensure your child is dressed in the correct uniform each day. If you are struggling with school uniform please do contact your child's class team who will support you with this matter.

New Staff

Can we take this opportunity to introduce Dawn Smith to you. Dawn is based at Abbey main site in Reception and she is replacing Adam Davidson who has moved on to another role elsewhere. Dawn will be a familiar face to some families as she previously worked in Reception at Abbey some years ago.





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Horizon

We are very excited to report that we have extended our space at Horizon College for our Barnsley cohort of pupils. The staff team based at Barnsley have worked hard over the Summer holidays to prepare the new classrooms so we both hope that we will see some of our new families up there very soon.

Parent Attendance

As Covid restrictions have lifted, we are now in a position whereby annual reviews and medical appointments will be based in school. If you would prefer a virtual meeting please do let Amy know when you receive your initial invitation date and time and this will be arranged. Likewise we hope to be able to offer our parents group and class family visit this Half Term. We are monitoring the Covid rate in our local areas over the next couple of weeks and at which point will send a letter out with important dates and after school club options.

As always if you have any worries, concerns or something you would like to share with us please do give school a call, we are always mindful that families aren't necessarily seeing class teachers every day as you have in your child's previous setting and we try hard to keep communications lines as open as possible.

Sending you all our best wishes,

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