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Dear #teamabbey Families,

Firstly, I want to say thank you for your continued support. I know over the past 18 months you have not had the opportunities to visit school in person as often as you would have. Since returning in September the school, like all nationally, has struggled with staffing due to cases of Covid 19. Unlike other schools nationally, I am pleased to say that we have not had to close classes or year groups that have resulted in home learning. I wanted to update you on the enjoyment opportunities we have had and also prepare you for future opportunities of family engagement.

What have we done this term for families to engage with school?

- Online Autism workshop
- Online reading workshop
- Offer of new courses
- Opportunity to be involved virtually with Innovate and Express Phases.
- Family Voice – Which was a pleasure to read thank you to all that submitted this!

Could we have a reminder about the curriculum cornerstones?

Your child follows a new topic/theme every Half Term and each topic is split into 4 cornerstones of learning. For more information about the curriculum visit: [Curriculum Overview – Abbey School](#)

- Engage Phase: Introduction to the new Topic (trips planned, visitor planned, online workshops)
- Develop Phase: New learning content is taught
- Innovate Phase: Your child applies their learning
- Express Phase: Your child shows what they have learned using a real world outcome

What opportunities for family engagement have we got planned?

We are launching our new Hash Tag **#abbeyschoolfamily** showing how you are engaging with school and our school sessions. (There will also be a prize available for engaging with sessions and our new hashtag).

The sessions we will be offering:

- **A cook with me** session to allow you and your family to cook alongside staff and pupils (Live Event on Teams) this will also be recorded. **Cook Book Prize**
- **Family Session for phonics and Reading:** (Online to allow for you to ask questions and read along together) **Book Voucher Prize**
- **A Create with Me** Session (**Live Online event Via Teams**) This will also be recorded.
- **Build a Sensory Toy** Live Event on teams - **Sensory Bag Prize**
- **Understanding autism session 2** (Online Event)
- **The BIG Engage Phase Invite**

We will be inviting Families into school during the first week to see what your child is learning in their new topic (You will be asked next week to complete an online form for your child's class stating what time you would like to be a part of this)

I am so excited to begin to increase our family engagement offer for you and look forward to spending more time together as #abbeyschool family

Warm regards

Wayne Askham

