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To our #teamabbey families,

As we approach the midway point of the first half term I wanted to update you with some key information as we approach the winter months whilst also sharing with you some of the lovely feedback with have received from families.

What plans are there for Winter Pressures?

The department for education has released new guidance for families around illness and when to keep children away from school. It is usually appropriate for families to send their children to school with mild respiratory illnesses. This would include general cold symptoms: a minor cough, runny nose or sore throat. However, children should not be sent to school if they have a temperature of 38°C or above. We would encourage you to look at [NHS 'Is my child too ill for school?' guidance](#)

Have you all updated your contact details?

There have been a couple of instances where families have changed their phone numbers and have not informed school of these. As always could you please ensure that school has up to date emergency contact details for at least 3 people in the event that we need ask for your child to be collected from school.

How are the family events going?

It has been wonderful to see so many of you at our family events including our Family Coffee Morning and our fabulous Family Cooking Session. We would also like to thank you for such positive feedback the Little Book of Key Dates. We hope that this something that is working for you as a family.

Dignity and Respect in the workplace.

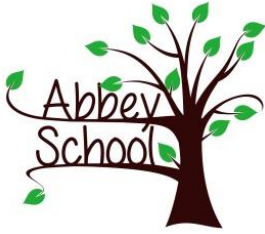
As a school community please know that we take any concerns seriously and we are committed to creating a positive and respectful environment for our families, pupils and staff. We realise at times there may be misunderstandings. However, we must approach these with respect for each other and work together for our children. There have been a few instances recently where this has not been the case. As with all workplaces we will not accept rudeness and abusiveness to any staff member.

How are the events on the school calendar going?

We were excited to welcome thirteen schools to our Cross-Country Event. Forty of our pupils enjoyed taking part in this inclusive celebration of sport. They made us proud supporting other young people who were less able than themselves. Staff from other schools commented and their confidence, manners and maturity.

Our Adventure Challenge programme was supported fantastically by our pupils. The Horizon Hub helped lead games and also entered a team into the Barnsley competition. Our Abbey Main site pupils





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competed alongside Wingfield School in the Rotherham challenge and Post 16 Students impressed us all with their leadership skills at all events.

How has the new term started?

We have had a fantastic start to the new school year that has seen our pupils settle really well into their new classes and welcome a number of new pupils and their families. We have had some amazing feedback from our families. For this we would like to thank you, it means the world to us that your children feel valued and cared for in school. Please see below some of the fantastic comments.

Some of your beautiful feedback

"It amazes me the changes that have happened in such a short time and just shows how much a child can shine when in the right setting"

"My child is listened to and appreciated by staff"

"My child actually gets up in a morning excited to go to school. This is all thanks to the tremendous warmth, care and professionalism that your school is all about"

"I can't imagine there is another school as nurturing and caring as Abbey. 6 years in and it still amazes me how much like a family Team Abbey is"

"Always a friendly welcome on reception, nothing too much trouble, big smiles at the end of the day from staff and the friendly waves, smiles and chats"

"Not only is my child valued but we as parents are Abbey go above and beyond"

"Being invited into school and updated with any changes is a real bonus as it allows us to speak to our child about them. Thank you"

As always thank you for your continued support

Warm wishes

Wayne Askham

