



## Abbey School

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Dear Families,

Firstly can I take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy New Year. As some of you are aware I have been supporting Fountaindale School formerly Harlow Academy over the last 2 years within my role as Executive Headteacher. I am happy to report that the school is now in a much better position and no longer needs the support of myself and the many staff at Abbey who have supported it in its journey. A huge thanks to our wonderful staff for their selfless work to support other children with very complex needs. I still remain the Headteacher at Abbey and Discovery Academy in Sheffield and Mr Askham remains in his position as Head of School overseeing Abbey whilst I share my time between the 2 schools.

We have been successful in the other 2 schools at implementing the seesaw app as a communication tool. It is particularly useful as it is a means by which to communicate with you as families ensuring your messages to us get to the class team effectively. We are now wanting to use this approach at Abbey. I understand that some classes have been trialling this and some of you will be familiar with it having children in other schools that use it. You will very soon be sent a link to your email or via text message that will link you up to your child's account. On there you will see a messaging service that you can send direct messages to any of the staff in school. As with any messaging system this does not take over the phone calls that you may receive and we always welcome you to come into school to discuss your child's needs and progress. This system is available for all students including the Horizon Hub and Post 16 so please do follow the link when you receive it. If you have any problems please do call reception and we will support you with it.

Moving forwards this will be our preferred means of communication particularly in emergency situations such as adverse weather. Please do ensure your notifications are ticked to ensure your phone alerts you when a message has been received. The app will also give you opportunity to see what your child is learning in the school day through photographs and videos. Your child will already be familiar with the app as they use the child version often for homework and throughout the covid pandemic.

I do hope that you find this communication tool useful and look forward to receiving any feedback on it.

Yours Sincerely,

Luci Windle  
Executive Head

