



Abbot Beyne School

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14th January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you so much for your understanding around the decision to postpone the INSET Day on Monday 17th January. For lots of practical and educational reasons this makes sense and the new date will now be Monday 20th June. We will, of course, remind you of this date closer to the time.

I want to let you know that we are going to run a lockdown rehearsal in school in the next few weeks. This is not the lockdown we have in terms of Covid-19, but one that we would need to run if we had an intruder on site or if there was a chemical leak in the local area. There is nothing to worry about and in many ways it is similar to us running a fire drill. We will conduct an assembly with all year groups beforehand to explain what we are going to do and why we are going to do it. I am just making you aware in case you are part of any conversations about this at home and it causes you any concerns. If you have any questions about this, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you to the parents that have contacted the school following my email last week regarding the parent survey. I am glad I have been able to either speak to you on the phone or meet you in person to address your concerns. If you have something you wish to discuss, please do not hesitate to contact me. In terms of the parent survey I would like to look at a couple more questions. Over 90% of parents say their child feels safe at the school. As with all surveys of this nature, some parents say they get too much communication (including my emails being too long), some parents say they do not get enough (and they like my emails). Many are very happy with the transition into Year 7, some feel it could have been improved. I really value the comments made in the comments section and will ensure we act on as many as possible.

In my message to staff today I have talked about how we can improve Abbot Beyne School further. To do this, it is vital that school and parents work together to support students to achieve the best grades they can and hence improve their life chances. To do this, part of our role as a school is to prepare students for the workplace. Over the coming weeks and months we are going to focus on key aspects of school life in order to facilitate an improvement in these areas. This will include punctuality to school and lessons, bringing the correct equipment and completing all homework to a good standard on time to name but a few. In this email I will inform you of the focus for the following week and encourage you to support your child in achieving this. For many families this happens anyway, but I ask for your support in ensuring this happens for all our students. Each week we will emphasise rewards and sanctions that will be put in place as we hope to see improvements across the school.

Please ensure you sign up for the Year 8 Consultation Evening appointments.

Next week is Week 1 and Week 8 in this behaviour block.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards

Mr Jamie Tickle