



Abbot Beyne School

Our Ref: JPT/HMH

17th December 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

In my house I have a daughter in Year 10 and a son in Year 7. If your house is anything like mine I know both my children are ready for Christmas.

Thank you for your ongoing support of the school this year, I really appreciate it. A final call if anyone wishes to give us feedback on how we are doing in our parent survey [here](#). Thank you for the 150 responses so far, I will give feedback on these next term.

A reminder of the arrangements for the start of next year

Tuesday 4th January 2022 – INSET Day

Wednesday 5th January 2022 – Students in Years 10, 11, 12 and 13 return to school at 8.30am (work will be set online for students in Years 7, 8 and 9)

Thursday 6th January 2022 - All students in school from 8.30am

Although we will be lateral flow testing students on their return, I would appreciate you asking your children to complete a test before they return.

We are making contingency plans to try to cover the possible increase in staff absence in January and February. Obviously, school closure of any sort will be a last resort but if we cannot staff the school safely we will need to make difficult decisions about how we operate. Our preference in any situation like this will be to limit the disruption of exam classes and our youngest students. Any partial closure will be as short term as possible and moved between year groups to share the level of disruption as fairly as possible. We will aim to give parents as much notice as possible but changes in staff absence can change very rapidly so please bear with us as we try to respond.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Butler for her work at the school in supporting our students as she begins her retirement.

Wishing you and your family and friends a lovely Christmas and New Year.

Kind regards

Mr Jamie Tickle