



Abbot Beyne School

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Dear Parents and Carers

Happy New Year. I hope you and your family had an enjoyable and relaxing break. We are already back into the swing of things at Abbot Beyne School, in some way it feels like we have never been away.

The most important message I want to convey today is that we have made the decision to postpone the staff training day that was set for Monday 17th January and move it to Monday 20th June. The main reason for this change is that there already has been significant disruption to your children's education, including a staggered start to this term to conduct lateral flow tests. I am aware that due to staffing shortages we may need to move some year groups to be taught online this term and I feel this is a prudent decision to move this date. I apologise for the short notice, but we only made this decision yesterday. This means that **all students will attend school on Monday 17th January as usual**. If this causes any problems for you please do let us know at office@abbotbeyne.staffs.sch.uk and I am sure we will be able to support you.

Thank you for your ongoing support in terms of lateral flow testing your children at home and ensuring they bring a facemask to school. We will continue with our change to the uniform policy to allow students to wear a plain black jumper under their blazer and / or their coat in classrooms so that we can continue to keep rooms ventilated.

This half term I want to respond to the parental survey completed before Christmas. I will try and respond to 2 or 3 of the questions in each email this half term. The survey results were overwhelmingly positive with over 90% of parents saying they would recommend this school to another parent and over 85% of parents saying their child was happy at the school. Given the situation we have been in during the last two years, we are very pleased with these results. The question that had the largest negative response was "The school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year". If this is something you would like more details about, all of the information is on our faculty pages on the school website [here](#) . This breaks down the information into subjects and into different year groups and terms. If you would then like to see examples of your child's work, all of this is available in Showbie on their iPad. However, following your feedback we will look at a way to make this more accessible to parents in the coming weeks. I will continue to address other questions over the next few weeks. If in completing this survey, you had specific individual questions you would like me to respond to please contact the school at the email address above.

Next week is Week 2 and we will begin our second round of individual conversations with Year 11 students looking at their mock results, destinations for next year and what extra we can do as a school to support them. This will include conversations with students about Sixth Form and being clear around the grades students will need to join our Sixth Form.

Kind Regards

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Headteacher