Abbot Beyne School

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25th September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

Lots of information to send to you today but I would like to begin by addressing communication. I am very clear that, as an individual and as a school we do not always get everything right (my wife might occasionally mention this to me as well). There are also other times when we might not always agree, but please be reassured that we always have your child's best interests at heart.

However, there appears to be a growing pattern of parents and carers (both in this school and other schools across Burton) going straight to Facebook or social media and making comments. The issues raised in these comments have often not been brought to the school's attention or, on some occasions, are simply untrue. Our school policy is clear. If you contact us we will reply to you within 24 hours if we can or at the outside 48 hours. Sometimes this may be simply an acknowledgement of your contact as we need to investigate what you have told us. We will never reply on social media to any comments parents or carers make; we always prefer to meet you to discuss your concerns in person.

Alongside this there has been a very slight increase in rude or abusive comments from parents and carers on the phone or in meetings. I have said this before and will reiterate it, the same as at your doctor's surgery, we will not tolerate this. As Headteacher, I have the authority to ban parents and carers from the school site or limit their contact with staff. I recognise this involves only a handful of parents and carers and most of you would never dream of being like this, but this email is the easiest way to communicate this message to all families.

On a much more positive note, we had an amazing Onward Together Community Day last Friday. Thank you to the number of parents and carers who went out of their way to email me to tell me what a wonderful day their Year 7 child had. For Year 7 students, we are also launching our Whitemoor Lakes trip.

A reminder our Sixth Form Open Evening takes place on Thursday 1st October in the Linnell Building at 6pm.

We know we have had a few sickness bugs recently. This means our attendance has dropped to 95% (still 1.5% above the national average). Please do continue this push to improve attendance. I really do appreciate all you are doing to support us in this area and it makes a huge difference to your child's education.

Kind regards

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