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REF: Return to school Information

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Dear parents/carers,

W/B	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
17 th August	Parents/carers to receive text to advise them which day their child will come in to school w/b 31st August				
24 th August	TEACHER INSET DAY	TEACHER INSET DAY	School closed to children – focusing around making the school COVID secure, reviewing risk assessments, inducting staff to new models of working following updated guidance.		
31 st August	Monday 31st August (Bank Holiday closure)	Tuesday 1st September 15 children per class (Tuesday/Wednesday)	Wednesday 2nd September 15 children per class (Tuesday/Wednesday)	Thursday 3rd September 15 children per class (Thursday/Friday)	Friday 4th September 15 children per class (Thursday/Friday)
7 th September	SCHOOL OPEN TO ALL CHILDREN FULL TIME **Details around Nursery admissions and staggered starts has been communicated separately.				

We hope that this letter finds you all fit and well. We are looking forward to welcoming the children back and have been spending time over the summer planning and preparing for this to be done as safely as possible. I think it is fair to say that we are all ready for a bit of structure and normality and returning to school will do us all good -children, parents and staff!

Below, we aim to answer as many questions as we can and also give you the key information that you will need. Further details can be found in our parent protocols document attached. You will have received a text message this week advising you which days your child will be attending w/b 31st August. Children will attend for two days this week as outlined above. This will allow teachers to establish new routines and safety measures whilst they are in small groups with their new teacher. We hope that this small group time with their new teacher will ensure happy and settled children, reduce worries and anxieties and they can look forward to starting full time the week after. If you have not received a text by the end of this week, please contact our office email and a member of staff will follow this up next week.

Frequently Asked Questions

When can I buy school uniform?

School uniform can be purchased from numerous supermarkets. If parents would like to purchase a school jumper or book **bags**, this can be purchased online at from our uniform provider: www.uniform-direct.com

- Dark blue sweatshirt
- White school polo t-shirt
- Black trousers (girls are welcome to wear trousers)
- Black skirts
- Black or blue tights
- Dark, flat shoes – all black trainers will be fine but should not have colourful laces, soles or logos

Are breakfast club/after school clubs running?

We are running breakfast club only for parents that rely on the provision for work and those in need. Children will sit at year group table so that they did not come into contact with other years. If you require a place, please email our school office (office@abbey-tmet.uk) so that arrangements can be made. Individual year group after school clubs will be run and information around these will be communicated in due course.

Do children need to wear uniform as normal?

All children need to wear the school uniform as normal; including on the one day they attend in the first week. Our aim is to use this week to get children back to normal routines as soon as possible.

Are you doing assemblies?

All our assemblies will be held 'virtually' in classrooms. We will not be doing class assemblies for parents for the first half term.

Where do we drop children off and collect?

See the table below with details of drop off points. We have been working with the Local Authority to increase safety measures outside of the school. This will include socially distanced markings for parents/adults to adhere to along pavements; alongside, additional signage and cones.

Entrance & Drop off Points	
Nursery & Reception	Ross Walk Entrance
Year 1 & 2	Ellis Avenue
Year 3 & 4	Left and Right side of Bruin Street
Year 5 & 6	Loughborough Road/Field (initial day on Bruin Street)

What are the arrangements for nursery children?

Parents of all nursery children will receive a call during the week beginning 24th August to confirm arrangements.

Will hot dinners be available?

For the first half term, we will not be in a position to offer hot dinners. Our kitchen will be providing packed lunches which can be ordered on the day. Children entitled to Free School Meals, will be eligible for a free packed lunch as well as all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 under Universal Free School Meals.

Will children need water bottles?

We ask that all children bring a labelled water bottle to school with them. There will not be an option for shared cups in the classes.

Will children be having PE lessons?

Children will be having PE lessons weekly and information regarding days will be shared on year group information letters in the first weeks back. Swimming sessions will not take place during the 1st part of the autumn term whilst further risks associated to this are assessed.

How safe will school be?

We have spent many hours risk assessing and planning for reopening. Our risk assessment and guidance can be found on our website and has been shared via WEDUC.

We finish by saying that we cannot wait to welcome the children back! The staff are excited, committed and ready! We understand that parents and children will have some anxieties, but we will do our very best to reassure and support you and your children. Myself and members of SLT will be available every day at the school gates (w/b 31st August) to answer any questions and address your concerns.

We look forward to seeing you all very soon.

With best wishes,

Gary Aldred
Principal