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Dear parents/carers,

We hope that this letter finds you all fit and well.

You might have seen in the news and through our WEDUC communications, that schools are set to open to wider children from Monday 8th March. We are excited to welcome all children back to school to join those that have been attending throughout as the children of key workers and identified pupils.

Teachers are excited to see the children in school once more so that they can teach them amongst their friends. From Monday 8th March, remote learning will stop and children's attendance at school will be required.

I think it is fair to say that we are all ready for a bit of normality and returning to school will do us all good - children, parents and staff!

Below, we aim to remind parents of the many things that are already in place as part of our COVID Risk Assessment and ask that parents refamiliarize themselves with these measures. Further details can be found in our parent protocols document attached.

Teachers will use time next week, reminding children of routines and safety measures; alongside helping them adjust back to schooling at Abbey Mead. Similarly, to the return to school in September, staff will use their knowledge of the children to help settle them, reduce worries and discuss any anxieties.

Kindest Regards,

Mr Gary Aldred

Frequently Asked Questions

Where do we drop children off and collect?

Please see the table below for a reminder of drop off and collection points. Safety measures outside of the school remain; including socially distanced markings for parents/adults to adhere to along pavements; additional signage explaining the importance of social distancing; and cones to support with drop off and collection arrangements.

Year Group	Entrance & Drop off Points	Collection Time
Nursery & Reception	Ross Walk Entrance	Reception - 3:25
Year 1 & 2	Ellis Avenue	Year 1 & 2 – 3:15
Year 3 & 4	Left and Right side of Bruin Street	Year 3 – 3:15 Year 4 – 3:25
Year 5 & 6	Loughborough Road/Field	Year 5 – 3:15 Year 6 – 3:25

We remind parents that once children are dropped off and a teacher is present, they should leave the area and not congregate chatting outside of the entrances. At collection times, parents should arrive in time for their children but not before as this can cause a build-up of parents; especially on Bruin Street for Years 3 & 4.

Will children need to wear school uniform?

As part of the Abbey Mead family, all children will need to wear their school uniform to school. School uniform helps to encourage in children a sense of identity and belonging. If parents would like to purchase a school jumper or book **bag**, these can be purchased online at from our uniform provider: www.uniform-direct.com
A reminder that our uniform includes:

- 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

We also understand that children may well have outgrown school clothes and you might not have had a chance or the finances to replace these at this time. Please do not worry about this. If this is the case, please ensure children are dressed in appropriate clothes for school.

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 a year group table so that they do 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 when it is safe to do so and information around these will be communicated in due course.

Will my children need to return to school?

With the announcement of a full school return from Monday 8th March, all children will be expected to return to school and this will be mandatory for all year groups in line with National Guidance. If a child is unwell, absence should continue to be reported daily to the school office from 8:00am. Where voicemails are left, the school office will call back when appropriate and confirm details of absences.

Are you doing assemblies?

All our assemblies will be held 'virtually' in classrooms. We will not be doing class assemblies for

parents until it is safe to do so.

Will hot dinners be available?

As before the lockdown, we will not be in a position to offer full hot dinners at this time due to COVID restrictions. Our kitchen will be providing packed lunches which will contain warm items daily. A menu for these can be viewed on WEDUC daily. Packed lunches will need to be ordered at the beginning of each 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. We operate a 3 week rolling dinner menu; an example of this can be viewed below.

Paid School meals will need to continue to be paid for in advance through the ScoPay app. If you do not currently have an account and wish to set one up, you should speak with the school office.

Due to the remaining COVID restrictions, parents will be unable to drop food at the school office during the day for their children. Children will need to bring packed lunches to school with them in the mornings.

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 few weeks back. Swimming sessions will not take place until further risks associated with this have been fully assessed.

How safe will school be?

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

What do we do with loaned Chromebooks?

We ask that children that have borrowed devices, bring these back on the first day of school. Teachers in each class will have a register of children that have been loaned devices and these will be checked and signed back in on the first day of school. Any accidental damage must be reported before devices are returned so we can arrange for these to be repaired so can support children in school. Parents will be contacted if any damage is identified on the return of devices that has not been reported.

Will further school closures be necessary?

Whilst it will be the intention of the school to remain open to all pupils so as to prioritise time in school, we will continue to follow National Guidance. The school will be required to close bubbles where positive cases are identified and children will have to isolate for a period of 10 full days from the last point of contact. To assist with preventing further school closures, we remind parents of the importance of not sending their children to school where they or someone they live with is displaying symptoms of COVID-19.

To assist with further reducing disruption to learning, school staff will take tests twice a week to help pick up any potential asymptomatic individuals.

To further assist with reducing the spread of COVID-19, parents are able to sign their children up to the ONS Study which we were running before the Christmas break. Once a half-term, children are invited to take a COVID-19 test which involves a mouth swab of the cheeks and rubbing a cotton bud around the base of each

nostril. These are then sent off for analysis and confirm whether any children are positive but remain asymptomatic.

If you would like your children to be a part of this, you can sign up using the following link or follow the link through WEDUC. **We encourage as many children as possible to take part in this to assist in reducing the spread of COVID-19.**

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 to answer any questions and address your concerns.

We look forward to seeing you all very soon.

With best wishes,

Gary Aldred
Principal



Abbey Mead Primary Academy Lunch Menu Week 3



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAINS	Grated Cheese in a Malted Baguette 	Bombay Potato with Naan 	Vegetable Bolognese & Garlic Bread 	Mixed Vegetable Curry and Chapatti 	Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans 
SIDES	Carrot & Cucumber sticks	Carrot & Cucumber sticks	Side Salad	Cucumber sticks and Cherry Tomatoes	Side Salad
FRUIT	Satsuma	Apple	Mango Pot	Raisins	Satsuma
DESSERT	Fruit Yogurt	Cherry Shortbread	Fruit Yogurt	Apple Flapjack	Apple Flapjack

For all allergens please ask a member of catering staff