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#### **Attendance**

We are looking forward to a positive year ahead of good attendance. Regular attendance at school supports children in both their learning and character development. Children must attend school each day to make the most of their educational experiences. Holidays during term time will continue to be declined as per our school policy. All absence must be reported to the school office each morning so to ensure children are safe and their location is known.

### Holidays abroad

We remind parents that any holidays should be arranged and taken outside of school time.
There are 13 weeks of holiday a year where parents can travel abroad. We must put our children's education first so no leave will be granted to travel abroad for extended periods.

# **Welcome Back**

Welcome back to a brand new school year here at Abbey Mead! It has been wonderful to see children back over the past couple of days and hear the classrooms and corridors filled with laughter and chatter once more.

The return to school brings new hope and excitement for the school year ahead. Our children have looked incredibly smart in their school uniforms this week and have been ready to learn with a positive attitude; showing incredible resilience and readiness—a true credit to their families!

We would also like to welcome a number of new staff who join our fabulous team this year. Mr Alkhlaif will be teaching in Year 3 and Miss Lopez will be teaching in Nursery. In addition, we welcome a number of new teaching assistants who will be supporting children across the school. Please be sure to say hello if you see any of them around school.

We are excited to be able to launch our curriculum for the year. Our topics will allow us to explore our fascinating world; making use of our outdoor space, alongside our science, art and design lessons to enrich our already broad, balanced and language-rich curriculum.

We hope you are looking forward to lots of new and exciting things to come and are just as enthusiastic as us for what this academic year has in store. As usual, we look forward to working together and encourage home school links as a positive learning platform for your children. Please do not hesitate to speak to us in the mornings on the gates or come in to school if you need support or have any queries. In the coming weeks, we look forward to welcoming all parents into school for an introductory session to your child's year group. The introductory sessions will take place on:

Foundation Stage 1—Thursday 22nd September @ 2.40 pm

Foundation Stage 2—Wednesday 21st September @2.45 pm

Year 1—Thursday 15th September @ 2.45 pm

Year 2—Wednesday 14th September @ 2.45 pm

Year 3—Friday 16th September @ 2.45 pm

Year 4—Tuesday 20th September @ 2.45 pm

Year 5—Tuesday 13th September 2022 @ 2.45 pm

Year 6— Thursday 8th September @ 2.45 pm

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#### **School Dinners**

Our daily menu will be available to view on Bromcom so please make sure you have registered for this. All Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children are entitled to free school dinners as part of the Universal Infant Free School Meals. This will save parents £10 per week if your child has lunches at school. This also applies for families who receive pupil premium funding.

If you would like to apply or to find out more about free school meals/ Pupil Premium, please call the school office 0116 266 1809

# **School Developments**



## **School Communication**

Over the past year, our electronic communication has grown significantly with our parents. We will continue use a range of methods to ensure we get information out to parents as quickly as possible. In order to ensure information is accessible, we will continue to send updates to parents through our Twitter account (@AbbeyMead\_TMET) and through our Bromcom app.

If you have not yet registered for Bromcom, please email <u>office@abbey-tmet.uk</u> for a registration code. We regularly send messages and upload photos of what children have been doing in school, so don't miss out!

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# **Upcoming Dates**

- Year Group Curriculum letters sent home— Friday 12th September
- Jeans for Genes Day (£1 donation)-Friday 23rd September
- Parents' Evenings Discussions—Tuesday 12th October & Wednesday 13th October—Further details
  will be sent home in the coming weeks regarding these sessions though it is likely these will take
  place over the telephone
- School closes for half-term break Friday 14th October
- School opens for Autumn term—Monday 24th October
- School closed for INSET Day—Wednesday 26th October

# **Drop off and collection arrangements**

We would like to remind our parents to be courteous and attentive when parking cars and dropping off at the beginning and end of the day. To assist with reducing congestion, we have retained the use of our Loughborough Road entrance for the drop off and collection of Year 5 and 6 pupils.

We ask that parents follow parking restrictions in the area and avoid blocking access to driveways.

We ask that Year 5 and 6 parents arrive at the correct times in our Loughborough Road entrance so to allow sufficient parking and collection space. Year 5 parents should arrive in time to collect their children at 3:20; with Year 6 parents arriving at 3:30. We ask that Year 6 parents do not arrive at 3:20 in cars as this then reduces spaces for Year 5 parents and causes additional congestion.

To also assist with reducing congestion and promoting the safe collection of children on Bruin Street, we ask that parents wait patiently at the gates. Year 3 children are released at 3:20 and Year 4 children at 3:30. We ask that parents arrive in time to collect their children and avoid arriving early in order to assist with the safe dismissal of children.

Our crossing patrol is present daily on Ross Walk to further support children and families in crossing the road safely.

We thank you for your continued support with keeping collection and drop offs as calm and safe as possible. Staff are present daily to answer any questions that you might have.

We remind parents to park safely at the beginning and end of the school day.





# **Abbey Mead Primary Academy Newsletter**



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# At Abbey this week!



Abbey Mead Primary Academy @AbbeyMead TMET · 23h It was wonderful to welcome Mrs Redmond from @TMETrust this afternoon to spend time with our children. The children were keen to talk about their learning #community #collaboration #culture



↑ Abbey Mead Primary Academy Retweeted

Miss Patel @MissPatel AMPA · Aug 30 Settling in with some daily calculations on the #firstdayofschool



Abbey Mead Primary Academy @AbbeyMead\_TMET · Aug 30 Lots of happy faces at dinner time today 🧼



Abbey Mead Primary Academy @AbbeyMead\_TMET · 23h

Another day of delicious and fresh food at Abbey Mead 🗟 🧶 🍛



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Miss Ingham @MissIngham\_AMPA · Aug 30

What a busy day we are having! We have been making birthday cards, writing, ordering numbers and we even had some time for small world play!



Abbey Mead Primary Academy @AbbeyMead\_TMET · 16h For our second display, 3SS read a Paddington book and created their own little Paddington Bear! Just like Paddington who was a traveller, we also thought about places we would like to travel to and why. Watch out for this

