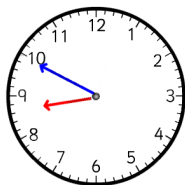


SCHOOL HOURS RETURN TO NORMAL— 08:50 TO 3.15 FOR ALL PUPILS




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Dear Abbeyes' Families

School Newsletter: September 2020

Welcome to the new school year! For those parents with children returning to Abbeyes, I hope you will agree that although we all faced challenges during the difficult time from March to July, there was some great teamwork between home and school, which ensured that the children had access to good educational opportunities. Now it is great to all be back at school, where we will be spending at least the first few weeks helping to ease the children back into their learning routines, and identifying key gaps which can then be targeted and built on.



In order to remain compliant with government Covid-secure guidance, I have reviewed and updated our risk assessment. Please note:

- Books and planners can now be taken to and from school.
- PE kits should come into school on Mondays and taken home for washing on Fridays.
- Children will each have their own plastic wallets for frequently used resources.
- Homework will be set on Google Classroom, with paper versions available if needed.

There will be some staggering of break, lunch and assembly timings in school for Autumn term for separation purposes. **We will not be offering after-school clubs this term**, but will review this for Spring and Summer 2021. Please see our attached FAQs document for more information.

Parents' Evenings are currently planned to take place on 14th and 15th October, with social distancing protocols in place. More information will follow in due course.


In staff changes, we are welcoming two new teachers to Abbeyes—our former student teachers Miss Collins in Westminster and Miss Little in Melrose. Miss Freeman moves to join the Early Years team, whilst Mrs Duncan is now in Marham. We said goodbye to Miss Smith at the end of last year and wish her well in the next step of her teaching career.

Contact Details and End of Day Arrangements

We need at least two contact numbers as well as an email address and the end of day arrangements for every child. Please let us know if there are **any changes** to the information we hold for your child, using the attached contact details form. Without permission we will not be able to release your child to an adult that you have not identified to us, or let them walk home alone at the end of the school day. If there is a one-off change to end of day arrangements (such as someone different picking up), please call to let us know. We also need a quick call if you have been held up and may be late.



Contact Details and GDPR: Please note that the General Data Protection Regulations and Data Protection Act 2018 do not limit the sharing of information where there is a child safety issue.



Could you be a School Governor? Our current Governors have joined us through a variety of routes and with a range of backgrounds, skills and experiences. They are volunteers who work together for the benefit of our school. We are currently looking for new Governors and would like to hear from anyone who has skills in HR, Legal or Finance, as well as an open and enquiring mind, and the confidence to ask questions and join in debate. The sense of achievement in making a difference at Abbeyes is a great reward, so if you think this may interest you, please speak to the School Office or email us on office@abbeyprimary.org

Riding to School



Children are still welcome to ride their bike, trike or scooter to school, as we encourage sustainable travel and active lifestyles. However, please remember the safety rule is that they cannot be ridden around on the playground and must be parked on arrival.



The 2020-21 school year list of diary dates is attached. Please check for term dates and events, including class assemblies. We have put dates in for Christmas performances and events, which will go ahead subject to continuing health and safety guidance around the pandemic. The list will be regularly updated as more events enter the school diary, and dates are also on our website www.abbeyprimary.org. Please use our website to stay up to date with life at Abbays.

School Lunches

Hot food is back on the menu from our supplier, The Lunchtime Company, from Monday 14th September.

Please remember that all school lunches need to be ordered online using the ParentPay system. Orders must be completed by 11:59pm on a Wednesday for the following week. If you have any queries or need help with online access, please contact the School Office who will be happy to assist.



Planners

Please take a few minutes each week to check and sign your child's planner, which can be used for contact between home and school. A lost planner will result in a £3 charge, so children do need to be encouraged to look after them and log their home reading.



School Trips and Visits

School trips can once again take place, subject to continuing health and safety guidance around the pandemic. Trips and visits are a valuable and enjoyable part of our curriculum enrichment, but please be aware they may have to be cancelled if we don't receive sufficient parental contributions. We hope you will support any payable trips that are organised for your child this year—they are often subsidised by the school to keep costs down, but we do rely on parents' and carers' contributions.

Best wishes



Mrs Sophie Good
Headteacher

PS: And Finally...

Everyone looks extremely smart in their school uniform, so as always *can I remind parents that all items of clothing should be labelled with your child's name.*

Thank you everybody.

**Abbeys
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