

24<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

**COVID-19 UPDATE – 24<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2022**

It has been a truly remarkable first half of the academic year in our fabulous three schools. We have witnessed immense kindness, care and compassion with all of those associated with our schools, and it continues to be a privilege to be a part of our Abbey Academies Trust family. The dedication, commitment and hard work that our staff and children have put into a wide range of situations has been exceptional and I am incredibly proud of everyone who has helped make our schools as normal as possible for our children and families. From supporting children in bubbles, our 'Wellbeing' work, remote learning for children having to self-isolate as well as the high-quality learning taking place, we all continue to honk together like the geese. As always, our children shine with their enthusiasm and Wow factor each day – they are such remarkable and resilient young people.

As you are aware, Mr Johnson and the Government have lifted all legal COVID-19 restrictions from today. We are awaiting advice from the Department for Education (DfE). The Senior Leadership Team have met to discuss our approach to the lifting of the restrictions. It is our intention to continue to take a measured approach in order to keep our school communities as safe as possible while we still have a number of COVID-19 cases in our schools. These measures will include wearing masks if you are able, rigorous hygiene procedures and our current start and end of the day routines until at least Easter when the weather will be warmer and hopefully we will have fewer positive COVID-19 cases. Please can I remind you to respect our entry and exit procedures to avoid confusion and to keep our children safe. We are delighted that from next week we will resume Collective Worship together, usual playtime and lunchtime routines, live class assemblies and from 7<sup>th</sup> March extra-curricular activities will begin again. Watch this space for more information!

We have been instructed by the DfE to signpost parents and carers to frequently asked questions on the vaccination programme. You can find these on the following link:

[https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2022/02/11/vaccinations-for-clinically-vulnerable-children-and-young-people-your-questions-answered/?utm\\_source=16%20February%202022%20C19&utm\\_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm\\_campaign=DfE%20C19](https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2022/02/11/vaccinations-for-clinically-vulnerable-children-and-young-people-your-questions-answered/?utm_source=16%20February%202022%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm_campaign=DfE%20C19)

Please do not contact school about pupil vaccinations as this is not an endorsement by Abbey Academies Trust, merely a signpost to the frequently asked questions as instructed by the DfE.

The Senior Leadership Team will meet again when we have received the latest guidance from the DfE and I will write to you again if there are any changes to be made.

The Christian Values of courage and perseverance underpin school life alongside the many other values that we celebrate and live out each day. They continue to bring our Trust family together and help our children flourish.

Thank you for your continued support. Take care and stay safe.

Yours sincerely



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