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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all had a chance to read and digest our latest Ofsted report, where Abbey Park Primary Academy has been judged as 'good' in every area. I would like to personally thank those of you who have remained with us and who have continued to believe that your children get a good education here. Due to the commitment, skill and hard work of all the staff, it is now official!

I would like to draw your attention to the phrase that, "children get off to a flying start in our Nursery." We do still have some places available in our Nursery so if you know anyone who needs a Nursery place with the child's date of birth falling between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2013 – 31<sup>st</sup> August 2014, please ask them to contact our school office.

If any of you cannot access the Ofsted report online, please contact the office and we can arrange for you to have a paper copy.

I would like to publically congratulate our children in Opal, Citrine and Peridot classes who all took national tests this year. We have achieved results higher than national levels in phonics screening and in KS2. In KS1, we were very close to national levels. Well done to everyone involved. For a detailed breakdown of our 2017 results, please see our website.

I have noticed that children's school uniform is not as smart as it usually is. I understand that at this time of the year, children have outgrown shoes, mislaid PE kits and put holes in their trousers! However, from the start of the new term, please ensure your children have the required uniform, **which does include black shoes – not trainers. They also need PE kit in school every day and this must be back or purple shorts, a plain white t-shirt (with or without school logo) and trainers for outdoor PE. We will also be enforcing a rule of no Jo Jo bows (or similar) for girls.**

We will be having new carpet laid in the corridors in school over the summer. Therefore we have decided to re-introduce the procedure of children changing into pumps when they come into school. This means it is even more important for children to have correct sized pumps in school from September.

We understand that six weeks is a long time to be away from school and families sometimes need somewhere to go for help and support. If you need any advice please contact the Multi Agency Team on 01422 393336 and they will be able to help you.

I would like to wish all of you a safe and happy summer break.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. E Ford  
Principal