

8th July 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we get ready for the summer holidays I would like to welcome all our new children to Abbey Park. You are joining us at an exciting time in our journey, with our new team of staff and our Leadership Team in place ready to start the new school year with gusto!

Reports:

Existing Abbey Park children will bring their school reports home today. On the reverse of this letter there is a parent comment sheet. We always like to receive your comments; positive ones so we feel happy we are doing some things right and negative ones so we know how to keep improving.

On Tuesday evening, straight after school, there will be an opportunity for you to discuss your child's report with their existing class teacher, should you so wish. It will be on a drop in basis – no appointments necessary. However, if you cannot make Tuesday night and still wish to discuss the report, another meeting can be arranged.

Clarification:

It was brought to my attention last night that some parents are under the misapprehension that Abbey Park Primary Academy is still in Special Measures. **This is not correct.** Officially, we are a school that 'Requires Improvement', but we are 'Good' in two areas: Behaviour and Safety and Early Years. This was the judgment given to the school after our Ofsted inspection in June, 2015. We have subsequently had a visit by HMI (November, 2015) who said, "*Senior leaders and governors are taking effective action to tackle the areas requiring improvement identified at the recent inspection in order to become a good school.*" He also added that we, "*are focusing on the right priorities,*" and that we have "*high expectations.*"

I also need to add that **Abbey Park Primary Academy is not closing down.** We are here, ready for business, which is to give your children a good education.

Our full Ofsted report and the HMI letter are on our website, but if any of you would like a paper copy, please ask the school office.

I would like to take this opportunity to officially wish you all a restful and happy summer holiday and look forward to seeing you and your children on **Monday, 5th September, 2016.**

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs E Ford
Principal

At Abbey Park Primary Academy, we are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and we expect all members of the school community to share this commitment. Our school actively promotes fundamental British values. This commitment includes staff, governors, volunteers and contractors working on the school site.

We have a number of policies and procedures in place that contribute to our safeguarding commitment and these can be found on our website.

Sometimes we need to share information and work in partnership with other agencies when there are concerns about a child's welfare. We will ensure that our concerns about pupils are discussed with parents/carers first, unless we have reason to believe that this would be contrary to the child's welfare.

We actively support the Government's Prevent Agenda to counter radicalisation and extremism.

Our Safeguarding Leads are;

- Mrs Ford (Principal)
- Mrs Kermotschuk (Vice Principal)
- Miss Priestley (Pastoral Support)

They are the lead people in our school and the people to contact if you have concerns about a child.



Report Feedback

Parent's comments-

I wish to discuss this report with my child's class teacher

I am happy with this report

Child's name _____

Class _____