

January 4<sup>th</sup> 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to inform you of the current situation that we find ourselves in as we start a new year at Abbots Green Academy.

With things continuing to change in some cases by the hour, we continue to put the well-being of our staff and pupils at the centre of every decision that is made in line with government guidance. Therefore, this has been the very earliest that such updates can be provided. We understand that the Prime Minister is speaking this evening at 8pm to announce further measures and if they impact on the opening of schools I will be in touch as soon as possible.

You will have seen in the news the uncertainty over schools reopening and the rapid increase in Covid cases. The Government is currently advising that primary schools in this area should reopen at the start of this term, however, you will have also seen that teacher organisations strongly oppose this and have advised accordingly.

At Abbots Green we're desperate to be open safely and deliver the very best we can for every family. From tomorrow, subject to this evening's announcement, we will therefore be opening:

Maple Room from 7:45-6pm  
Both Year 4, 5 and 6 classes  
Kenya class (Year 3)  
Wraparound care will continue for those mentioned above

This means that Oak Room, Reception, Year 1, 2 and Japan class will not be in school this week. It is our intention that for those classes that are closed, online learning will be set via Showbie as soon as possible.

This does of course bring further challenges for our families of critical workers. We will therefore be providing critical worker provision for Oak Room, Reception, Year 1, 2 and Japan children from Wednesday. (Further details of this will be sent to appropriate families tomorrow).

If you feel your child could come under this category, I would encourage parents to check the revised list of critical workers on the Government guidance website and to also be aware that at this point both parents must fall under this category and be working in the work place. Initially, we will assume that those families

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that received this provision last year will be those that are eligible, with the addition of any new families that have joined us, ie Reception.

Tomorrow, I will be working with senior leaders to plan this provision, so would therefore need confirmation of this by 9am with day and hours outlined with regards to what families need during this time. At this stage, I am aware that there are still so many questions and unknown answers. I will be in touch with parents again throughout the week to update you on any further changes to arrangements.

I would very much like to thank all families for their support and understanding at this time.  
Kindest regards

Mrs A Morrison  
Headteacher



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