



# What's been happening at ABBOTS GREEN ACADEMY—September 2020



This week we seem to have seen a shift to the cooler days and endless showers! Nevertheless, with a month back into a form of routine, I could not be prouder of how well children have settled back into school life - thriving as they become immersed in their learning each day.

This year, our school is looking slightly different to before with a great sense of our new world. Each class now represents a country from across the globe by decorating their classroom door to celebrate this! We look forward to developing this further as we come together to learn about the cultures and beliefs of the wider world.

Whilst there is no contact between Year group bubbles, it has been great to start rebuilding our school again. In year group assemblies, pupils have been sending messages from one year group to the next to keep our connections and ethos strong. This week children have created a recipe with the key ingredients for our school.

This included;

*A jug full of resilience and responsibility*

*A bucket full of friends, laughter and kindness*

*A spoonful of nurture and support*

*A dollop of your own personality*

*A pinch of challenge*

*And of course, a sprinkling of rainbow!*

We're quickly learning that anything is possible with a creative mind, as a school this week we have held our first zoom meeting for our Reception parents (the presentation is available to view on the website via <https://abbotsgreenacademy.co.uk/new-reception-class-intake-2020-2021>) and even had a virtual inter schools cross country tournament!

With more and more questions looming each day regarding further lockdowns and bubble closures, we have learnt very quickly to spend less time speculating, and embrace each day with positivity. With the foundations of strong home learning we have built behind us, and dedication to reaching above and beyond any expectations, at Abbots Green, together we must remind ourselves that we will get through this!

Happy Autumn term!

Mrs Morrison

## Information for Parents/Carers

Thank you for supporting every change that has been made this month; the commitment to keeping our families safe and our school open, is very much appreciated, especially the effort in wearing a mask on school site.

**Great news** - did you know that our Rainbow Room is now called the Rainbow Hub? This will enable us to have two working spaces for pupils and parents and develop our outstanding provision. Mrs Arfi (Children and Family Support Leader) and Mrs Miles are available on the gate most days or via:  
[allrainbowroom@abbotsgreenacademy.co.uk](mailto:allrainbowroom@abbotsgreenacademy.co.uk).

**Sunsetters/Sunrisers**—We still have spaces available at our Sunsetters and Sunrisers. If you would like a place please contact the school office via email.

**Holiday Camp**—We're keeping everything crossed that we will be able to offer a holiday camp, run by Mr Newson, during half term. Please see the ParentMail for further details.

**Parents Evening**—As a school we're committed to having parents evening in an alternative way- watch this space for further details.

**PE days**—Whatever the weather, children will be spending time outside as much as possible. Please ensure that your child has suitable named clothing and footwear.

**Emails/Showbie**—Our showbie online classrooms are now open! Please sign up to access weekly home learning. Class emails are also working effectively to maintain communication between home and school without any contact with the school office. Any problems with Showbie please direct these to your child's class email for example Kenya class is [kenyaclass@abbotsgreenacademy.co.uk](mailto:kenyaclass@abbotsgreenacademy.co.uk).

**Lining Up**—Please make sure that you are lining up in the appropriate place at the beginning and the end of the day; this is to ensure that Year group bubbles are not mixing. We understand that parents are often in a rush and may need to be elsewhere, but please don't use a different year group line to get on to school site a few minutes earlier.

**As always, if you have any questions or queries, please either catch Mrs Morrison before school or make an appointment via the School Office.**