



The moment we have all been waiting for!

This is everything we think you will need to know in preparation for returning to school on Monday 8th March.

Whilst much of this is very similar to our organisational plans from the Autumn Term, please do spend some time revisiting our expectations of staff, parents and our children.

Further outlines of our processes and procedures can be found on the school website.



The start and end of the day

The start and end of the day will remain staggered to ease congestion, and reduce the amount of adults on school site at any one time.

	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
AM	8.30am	8.45am	8.40am	8.45am	8.40am	8.30am	8.30am
PM	3.15pm	3.35pm	3.30pm	3.35pm	3.30pm	3.20pm	3.20pm

Once you have left your children in the morning, or collected them at the end of the day, please leave the school site promptly using the one way route. **Only 1 adult per family** should accompany the children onto/off the school site and **must have a face mask** before entering the school grounds.

The school day

As staff we are keen to ignite a love of learning again but in a safe way!

- Children will remain in Year group bubbles.
- From Year 1 upwards, children will be seated in rows facing the front, rather than sitting around tables in groups.
- Whilst there are still restrictions in place we will make ensure that children quickly establish a sense of belonging and routine.
- This will not yet involve meeting in larger groups for example we cannot hold assemblies for large groups of children, have children in the dinner hall or share playground spaces at the same times.
- Staff will continue to wear face masks when moving around the school, as well as trying to maintain appropriate distancing from each other and the children whenever possible.

Handwashing

Children will maintain handwashing as part of their daily routine. Hand sanitizer will be available for them to use when they first come to school each morning.

We will continue with our increased cleaning regime that includes frequently touched surfaces such as door handles, light switches and taps being disinfected during the middle of the day.



Uniform

It is our expectation that children wear their school uniform when they return. However, we are very aware that most of the children will have grown since they last wore their uniforms and certain items may be easier to replace at the moment than others and so we will be slightly more lenient until after Easter.

Whilst we expect children to wear smart black shoes each day, if your child has grown out of their shoes alternatives can initially be worn.

Please do remember that shorts are not yet acceptable until after Easter.

Children will not be expected to wear uniform for two days a week, this will be to facilitate additional PE and Outdoor learning experiences.

Our PE kit consists of:

A White t-shirt, black tracksuit bottoms or shorts with skins underneath, black sweatshirt, trainers or plimsolls for the day. We have had this in place since September and have found it to work very well. However, please ensure that your child does wear the correct PE uniform and not brightly coloured fashion items. **Earrings must be removed for all PE lessons.**

Please see below what your child will need to wear on each day of the week.

For the remainder of this term only, each year group will have a forest school session each week, so please send in appropriate clothing for this day too.

They may have PE and a forest school session on the same day—layers would be good.

	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Mon	PE Kit	Uniform	PE kit	PE kit	Uniform	Uniform	Uniform
Tues	Uniform	PE Kit	Uniform	Uniform	PE kit	Uniform	Uniform
Wed	Uniform	PE Kit	Uniform	PE-kit/Outdoor	Outdoor	Outdoor	Uniform
Thur	Uniform	Uniform	Uniform	Uniform	PE kit	PE kit	PE kit
Fri	Uniform	Uniform	PE kit	Uniform	Uniform	PE kit	PE kit

Lunches

Our school kitchen will be open again to provide hot and cold meals for any children who would like them, as they did last term. The children will be able to choose either a Pick and Mix, a hot main meal or a jacket potato each day. Please see school website for current menu.

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will still be eligible for universal free school meals. All other year groups will need to be pay for their meals through Parentmail, unless receiving free school meals.

If your child would prefer to bring a packed lunch from home, this is of course still possible. Please remember that we cannot allow any products containing nuts due to allergies, nor do we allow sweets or fizzy drinks in lunchboxes.

Snacks

Free fruit & veg snacks will be delivered for children in Reception, Years 1 and 2.



Sunsetters/Sunrisers

Following government guidance, our Sunriser provision will be open from 7:45am and Sunsetter provision will be available until 6pm.

Please see below where to drop off you child for this provision.

Whilst we begin to adapt to new routines and work commitments please do contact the school office if there is a change in your current provision or additional sessions are needed.

For details of where to drop off/collect, please see table below:

	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Area of provision	Hall extension	Left side of	Right side of	Buttercup activity	Buttercup class-	Food tech room	End of street
Door for drop off/ collection	Hall extension door	Hall door courtyard		Door at end of street		Food tech room	

Technology in the home

Any laptops or iPads that have been provided by the school now need to be returned to the school. To arrange delivery of these please contact the office or rainbow room (allrainbowroom@abbotsgreenacademy.co.uk)

to organise a safe time.



What does my child need to bring with them each day?

- A clear NAMED water bottle with them each day
- A coat/outdoor clothing suitable for wet playtimes - we want the children to be able to get out into the fresh air as much as possible!
- Packed lunch if a school lunch is not being provided
- Reading books - on the first day back, PLEASE can your child bring back any school reading books they may still have, we look forward to sharing with you how we will approach reading at home next week.
- Children should not bring anything else into school with them—including fidget toys etc.
- **To avoid crossing of bubbles the office cannot facilitate parents dropping off forgotten items.**



Behaviour expectations

- All staff will be following the school behaviour policy and promoting positive learning behaviours.

Rainbow values

- We will continue to promote and reward our rainbow values.



Illness

If your child becomes unwell, with any symptoms of Covid, we will:

- Call for a parent to come and collect immediately
- On arrival the parent must call the office and wait outside the main entrance. We will bring your child out to you. Parents will not be able to come into the building.

If your child shows any symptoms of COVID-19 (a new persistent cough, a high temperature or a change/loss of their sense of taste), the whole household should self-isolate and arrange for the child to be tested.

Children and members of the household must stay at home until the test results are back; the school **MUST** be informed as soon as the test results come back.

- Negative - the child may return but we will ask to see the results
- Positive - the child and their household must isolate at home for 10 days either from the day after the start of the symptoms or the positive test result, whichever is sooner.

We have a responsibility to inform Public Health England of any confirmed cases of COVID-19 within our school community; we will then follow their advice if further action is needed. This could involve whole classes or even year groups being instructed to self-isolate for up to 10 days. We ask for all parents to keep us informed daily of any illness at home.