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RE: End of Year letter / arrangement for September

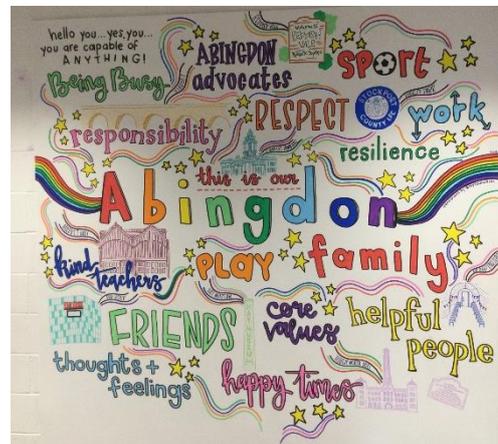
Dear Parents and Carers,

This has been yet another unforgettable and unprecedented year.

As the academic year comes to an end, it is an opportunity to reflect on our achievements over the year.

Our whole school community has coped so incredibly well, pulling together to ensure that our Abingdon Family have supported each other and continued to succeed in the face of challenging circumstances.

I want to say a heartfelt thank you to you as parents and carers, and also our wider community including our school governors, for your support over the year. The changes have not been easy, but your kindness and understanding have made the systems we have in place much easier to manage.



I also want to say a huge thank you to the staff of Abingdon. I am privileged to work with such fantastic, dedicated, caring practitioners who give their all to the children of this school. The time, effort and energy that the staff give, surpass any job description. They truly are a team and I am incredibly proud of them.

Finally, I want to congratulate our amazing children. They have embodied our core values through a difficult year and shown great resilience in adapting to change. They are the beating heart of our school and make me smile every single day. In particular, I wish our Y6 children every success as they move to high school, and I remind them that even though they are no longer on site with us, they will always belong in the Abingdon Family.

We say goodbye to several staff members this year. Mrs Sutton is moving back to Liverpool and we wish her every success in her new role in high school. The children are very lucky to have her as their teacher and I know that she will help them flourish. Miss Waters is moving to Kent to start working in a new school. I thank her for all the support she has given the children and staff over the past 18 months. Mrs Nally, our Y6 Midday Assistant, is also leaving to have her baby and we know that she will be very busy enjoying special times with her family. I wish her many happy times to come. I also want to say, together with our Chair of Governors Mr Bryan Archer, a whole-hearted 'thank you' to Mrs Lisa Jones, who will be leaving our governing body this year. Mrs Jones is a long serving governor who has supported the school community enormously with her commitment over the years. She will be greatly missed.

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Looking forward to next year, I have outlined below the arrangements for September as they currently stand. As always, I will notify you of any changes.

I wish everyone a wonderful summer break and hopefully you will all have the opportunity to relax. I look forward to seeing you all safe, happy and rested in September.

Enjoy the holidays!

From September the car park gate onto the KS2 playground will be locked, as will the gate by the Nursery so all routes involve using the one way system detailed below.

DROP OFF

Reception and KS1 children 8:45am / KS2 children 8:50am – gates will close at 8:55am

- Entrance to site will be through the KS1 gate for EVERYONE
- A one way system will be maintained from September due to the narrow paths around school
- All adults on site are to follow the one way system for health and safety purposes
- Children in Reception or KS1 will be dropped off at their classroom door
- Children in KS2 will be posted in through the Upper KS2 stairway (at the end of the school past the KS1 classrooms)

PICK UP

Reception, KS1 AND Lower KS2 3:10pm / Upper KS2 3:15pm

- Entrance to site will be through the KS1 gate for EVERYONE
- A one way system will be maintained from September due to the narrow paths around school
- All adults on site are to follow the one way system for health and safety purposes
- Children in Reception and KS1 will be collected at their classroom door
- KS2 children have specific collection points:
 - Y3/4 Falcons collected from the fire exit doors (the first doors onto the KS1 playground next to Reception)
 - Y3/4 Kites from the end of the school corridor onto the KS1 playground
 - Y3/4 Owls from Hedgehogs classroom door (the first KS1 classroom)
 - Y5 Kestrels from the picnic tables by the climbing wall in the KS2 playground
 - Y5/6 Merlins from the KS2 playground next to the car park gates (which will be locked)
 - Y6 Ospreys from next to the pencils in the KS2 playground

Upper KS2 parents will wait behind the cones/barrier until all children are outside to ensure that teachers can see them leaving with their adult.

Signs will be placed on the doors/areas so that adults know where to collect their child(ren) from.

One Way System around School

From September we will continue to maintain a one way system around the school building. This has had a very positive impact this year and children can move around school safely and calmly.

Rucksacks/School Bags

Children in KS2 have small lockers and all of their belongings need to fit into it. Please ensure that, if your child has a bag for school, it is small enough to fit in with their coat. Children do not need to bring in any pencil cases/stationery as this is provided in school. Any items that are too large to fit into lockers will need to remain at home for health and safety reasons.



P.E. Kits

From September, children will continue to come into school wearing their P.E. kit on their specific P.E. days. Teachers will let parents/carers know which days these are in the first few days. We have learned that by using this system, the number of lost clothing items has greatly reduced! See expected clothing below.

Uniform

Uniform consists of

- white polo shirt or blouse
- red school cardigan/sweatshirts
- grey trousers or shorts
- grey dresses/pinafores (red gingham skirts/shorts/dresses in summer)
- black shoes or trainers (coloured trainers are NOT acceptable)

All children should have a small bag or book bag, to ensure reading books can be sent home

P.E. kit should be black shorts/skorts/leggings/joggers and a white top. Any children who are not wearing appropriate P.E. kits will be offered appropriate kit from school spare stores and parents/carers will be contacted via letter.

Yours sincerely,



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