

ABBOT'S LEA SCHOOL

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14 July 2021

Dear Families



Re: Emergency closure of our onsite operation and move to remote transitional support

I am writing to inform you that, regrettably, the recent impact of Covid-19 on the staffing levels at Abbot's Lea School has meant that we are no longer able to operate safely on site.

Consequently, the school's onsite operation will have to end today, with Thursday and Friday of the Transition Week being held remotely, with the sessions as follows:

Thursday, 15 July 2021 – Class Zoom session at 10am and 1pm

Friday, 16 July 2021 – Class Zoom session at 10am

Friday, 16 July 2021 – Family Online Safety session at 11am

Friday, 16 July 2021 – Meet the Team sessions for families (with the Leaders in Charge of their child's phase or provision) at 12:30pm

This plan will allow all students to meet their class team and their peers – something that was always planned for, but proved impossible with the staffing arrangements.

This plan will also allow the families to meet with the Leaders in charge of their child's provision next year and to meet the team members of your child's phase of education. The details for the class sessions will be sent to you by the class teams by Thursday morning and the Meet the Team details will be sent to you by the middle leader in charge of your child's provision by Friday morning. The details for the training session on online safety have already been shared with all families.

If you have not received either, please contact reception@abbotsleaschool.co.uk and we will gladly help.

I cannot express how much we have all tried to keep our school open all this week and I am genuinely very sorry that we were unable, in the end, to do so. I am acutely aware of the impact this will have on the students and the families and yet, health and safety must always come first.

Yours sincerely

Mrs A Hildrey
Headteacher