



ABBOT'S LEA SCHOOL

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Dear Families

Re: Rainbow Flag Award

I would like to take this opportunity to share with you the exciting news that we are taking part in the Rainbow Flag Award.

The Rainbow Flag Award is a national quality assurance framework for schools which promotes inclusion in its widest sense and forms part of an approach designed to challenge and prevent, amongst other things, LGBTQ+ phobic bullying.

Abbot's Lea School is a diverse and inclusive school and the Rainbow Flag Award supports the ethos of our school. It also supports the school's Personal Social and Health Education (PSHE) curriculum and promotes the spiritual, moral, cultural, mental and physical development of students at the school.

I am keen to stress that the work involved with the Rainbow Flag Award, and the supporting reading material is always age and ability appropriate.

Importantly, and to address any concerns that you may have, the programme is not focused on sex education, but rather promotes acceptance and understanding of those who identify as LGBTQ+.

May I take this opportunity to thank all our staff who are supporting this initiative and in particular Mr Griffiths and Miss Arrands who are leading this project.

Lastly, I wish to thank our wonderful students who have embraced the opportunity to learn and discuss different views in a mature and respectful manner – they truly embody our Fundamental British Values (Democracy, Rule of Law, Respect and Tolerance, Individual Liberty) and we are very proud of them all.

Yours sincerely

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Deputy Headteacher