



ABBOT'S LEA SCHOOL

Headteacher: Mrs Ania Hildrey, FCCT, B.Ed(Hons), M.Ed, NPQH, NPQEL



19 September 2024

Dear Families,

Ref: Key strategic information

I write to you following my previous communication about our Outstanding Ofsted rating, and to share other key documentation related to our effectiveness and development plans.

ALS Ofsted Report, July 2024

In case you have not yet had a chance to read the letter I sent this morning, or the report, please see a copy of it here:

- **Headteacher's Letter:**
<https://www.abbotsleaschool.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/Headteachers-Letter-Ofsted-Report-18.9.2024.pdf>
- **Full Ofsted report:**
<https://www.abbotsleaschool.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/Abbots-Lea-School-Ofsted-2024-Report.pdf>

ALS Progress and Achievement Report for 2023-24:

A few weeks ago, when sharing our students' accredited learning successes, I promised that, later in September, we would share with you our Progress and Achievement Report for the past year. Please find a copy of it linked below:

- <https://www.abbotsleaschool.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/ALS-Progress-and-Achievement-Report-for-2023-24.pdf>

ALS School Development Plan 2024-26:

Lastly, our Governing Body agreed our next strategic priorities for the coming two years. Please find below our SDP 2024-26:

- <https://www.abbotsleaschool.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/ALS-School-Development-Plan-2024-26.pdf>

I know you will all join me in congratulating our students, staff and the whole extended school community for such a fantastic set of outcomes and join us on our continual developmental journey.

A few key messages for the coming weeks:

Communications:

This is a reminder that there are many ways in which we communicate with you as families, and many channels open to you for communicating with the school.

Your first port of call is either our Office Team on reception@abbotsleaschool.co.uk or your child's class team:

Primary Department:

EYFS/KS1

ireland@abbotsleaschool.co.uk
wales@abbotsleaschool.co.uk
france@abbotsleaschool.co.uk
portugal@abbotsleaschool.co.uk

KS2

italy@abbotsleaschool.co.uk
spain@abbotsleaschool.co.uk
canada@abbotsleaschool.co.uk
usa@abbotsleaschool.co.uk
peru@abbotsleaschool.co.uk
brazil@abbotsleaschool.co.uk

Secondary Department:

KS3

mozambique@abbotsleaschool.co.uk
capeverde@abbotsleaschool.co.uk
botswana@abbotsleaschool.co.uk
seychelles@abbotsleaschool.co.uk
madagascar@abbotsleaschool.co.uk
kenya@abbotsleaschool.co.uk

KS4 and KS5

fiji@abbotsleaschool.co.uk
tasmania@abbotsleaschool.co.uk
australia@abbotsleaschool.co.uk
newzealand@abbotsleaschool.co.uk
samoa@abbotsleaschool.co.uk
malawi@abbotsleaschool.co.uk
christmasisland@abbotsleaschool.co.uk
papuanewguinea@abbotsleaschool.co.uk

If you need to raise any concerns, those should be directed preferably to your child's Class Teacher, or if needed, escalated to the Assistant Headteacher for your child's department:

- primary@abbotsleaschool.co.uk - Mrs Cartwright, AHT – Primary Department
or
- secondary@abbotsleaschool.co.uk – Mr Mason, AHT – Secondary Department

For any safeguarding matters, please contact our Safeguarding Team, who will be able to offer support throughout the year, including holidays, or signpost to an external agency, if needed: st@abbotsleaschool.co.uk

If you have a complaint, you are asked to raise it in the first instance with Mrs Tobin, Deputy Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead. Mrs Tobin can be contacted on deputy@abbotsleaschool.co.uk

If the matter remains unresolved, or you need to raise an official formal complaint, please contact me by sending your enquiry to my PA, Miss McComasky on pa@abbotsleaschool.co.uk who will pass it on to me. I will always action your communications at the earliest possible time either engaging directly, or ask one of my fellow leaders to help.

Interim leadership arrangements during my upcoming absence:

Unfortunately, effective Thursday, 26 September 2024, I need to take some time off work due to requiring an operation to help my mobility problems. I am likely to be absent from work to allow recovery for an extended period of time, hoping to return in the lead up to Christmas.

During my absence, Mrs Tobin will deputise for me for all matters related to our school's operation (as above, she can be contacted directly via deputy@ or via my PA on pa@ emails). She will have delegated authority to deal with all operational matters that would typically fall under the Headteacher's responsibilities during that time.

I am fully confident that the school will be in very safe hands during my absence under Mrs Tobin's leadership, with the whole team pulling together to ensure outstanding provision continues to be on offer.

I look forward to re-connecting with you in the coming months.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs A Hildrey
Headteacher