ABBOT'S LEA SCHOOL

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Dear Families,

Ref: Preparation for Adulthood – Bespoke Community Visits

As part of our ongoing commitment to broadening and enriching the Bespoke Curriculum, we are pleased to introduce a programme of regular community visits for students during the 2026-27 academic year.

Students will take part in a community visit with their class team once every fortnight. These visits have been carefully planned to support the development of key skills linked to Preparation for Adulthood, including independence, communication, social interaction, community awareness and confidence in unfamiliar environments.

Each term will begin with a community exploration minibus ride linked to the termly curriculum focus. During these initial visits, students will remain on the minibus while exploring their local community and identifying places of interest. As the year progresses, classes will access a range of local facilities and environments, including parks, activity centres such as The Sensory Hive, and local farms including Acorn Farm and Croxteth Hall Farm.

The visits are designed to provide meaningful real-life learning experiences that support students to apply skills learned in school within the wider community.

The majority of visits will be provided at no additional cost to families. This letter is intended to provide advance notice that community visits will now form a regular part of the Bespoke timetable.

Please note:

- Community visits will not impact students' usual lunch arrangements.
- On some occasions, students may be required to wear their PE kit or other suitable clothing. Families will be notified in advance where this is required.
- If a particular visit requires a financial contribution, a separate letter containing full details, costs and consent arrangements will be sent home beforehand.

If you would like any further information, please contact your child's class team in the first instance, or email the relevant Assistant Headteacher below:

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The following classes will participate in the community visit programme:

Primary: Ireland, Wales, Portugal, Italy, Spain, Mozambique, Botswana, Seychelles, Cape Verde

Secondary: Kenya, Australia, Samoa, Papua New Guinea, New Zealand

Thank you for your continued support as we develop exciting opportunities for our students to build independence and engage with their local community.

Yours sincerely



Mrs L Cartwright
Assistant Headteacher – Primary Department