



The Abbey CE VA Primary School

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Dear Parents

Parental and Children's Views

Parent and child views are important to us. Your views will help The Abbey School evaluate our provision and as always look at ways we can improve our practice.

Thank you to those parents who completed the Parent Consultation survey recently. 45 surveys were returned giving us a 31% response rate. The School has collated the results and the Governing Board is beginning to analyse the results.

Abbey School will ask for feedback again following the February 2018 Parents' Evening.

The pupil School, Faith and Green Councils from Years 1-6 have been elected this week and take up their new roles from next week. The outgoing 30 council members were surveyed about various aspects of school life, including rewards, safety and collective worship. These results are displayed on the School Council board in the library area.

Governing Board Survey Monkey Questionnaire

The Governing Board will annually seek parental views and below is a survey we hope you will take the time to complete by the 15th December 2017.

https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/abbeysurvey_2017

All survey results will be available for parents at our **annual Governor Forum on Thursday 15th March from 7.30-9pm** which we hope many of you will be able to attend. Following this, the Governing Board page of the school website will be updated with the results and a summary of the Forum.

NSPCC child and parent sessions

I am sure that you have read my recent letter regarding Abbey School working with the NSPCC, the UK's leading children's charity, to make sure our pupils have the knowledge and understanding they need to stay safe from abuse. The NSPCC will be delivering their Speak out. Stay safe. programme to all our children in age appropriate Key Stage 1 or 2 sessions on Monday 22nd January 2018.

With the help of their friendly mascot Buddy, the NSPCC will be presenting an assembly to all children and run workshops for Year 5 and 6 children with teachers present on Monday 29th January 2018.

There is a parent only session on Tuesday 16th January from 2.30-3.15pm in the School Hall.

If you would like any more information about the NSPCC Speak out. Stay safe. programme, including frequently asked questions, you can find it on the NSPCC website nspcc.org.uk/schools or please attend the Parents Session to find out more.



Healthy Schools





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Safety reminders

With cold weather and dark afternoons please can I remind you that:

- Morning arrival in school is from 8.45am
- The start of school day is 8.55am. (There is no supervision before 8.45am)
- The end of school day 3.20pm

Please ensure your child(ren) arrives punctually in the morning and is collected punctually at 3.20pm.

Children who arrive **after 8.55am** will have their minutes late recorded in the register. Children must be brought to the front door of school after 8.55am by an adult and signed in after 9.10am by an adult. New signs have been put on every classroom door to remind parents.

Arrivals after **9.30am** without a valid reason (e.g. hospital appointment) will be counted as an unauthorised absence.

If for some reason you are unable to collect your child punctually at **3.20pm** (e.g. in traffic jam) please phone the school office to notify us of the delay before 3pm. Children will be asked to wait in the library, and parents should come to the front door of the school to collect their child. The school office is staffed until 4.30pm every day.

Christmas Fundraising at the Christmas Fair Saturday 2nd December 12-3pm

I will look forward to seeing many of you at our annual Christmas Fair, which promises to be a festive fun afternoon for all the family! Please do come along and look out for our Year 6 Young Apprentices and of course Santa Claus is coming to town!

To tempt your taste buds there will be a variety of tasty treats to buy. All of the money raised at the Christmas Fair will go towards the Friend's Association fund raising target to upgrade our school facilities for the children.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Emma Fenn'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Miss Emma Fenn
Headteacher