



Thursday 23rd July

Dear Parents & Carers,

I am writing to you at the end of an academic year that has been severely disrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic but has demonstrated the strength of our school community. I would like to publicly thank our fantastic staff team at Arbrook for working so hard to make sure that all pupils, both those at school and home, have been able to continue their learning.

I would also like to thank all of you – parents and carers – for your efforts in helping your children with their learning and juggling all of life's responsibilities. Finally, I'd like to thank our fantastic pupils. The resilience they've shown, their engagement with learning, their hope for a better future, are an inspiration to us all. To our fantastic Year 6 pupils, leaving us without the normal celebrations, we are incredibly proud of you and all your achievements.

Included in this pack are learning activities to help your child prepare for the new academic year and more information about how we will safely re-open for all pupils.

School will re-open on Thursday 3rd September. Please note – pupils in Nursery and Reception will have a slightly different timetable as part of their transition – please see separate information sent via ClassDojo. The school opening times are as follows:

- Drop off: **8:40-9:00am** – lengthened registration time to reduce congestion around school site.
- Pick up: **3:20pm** Monday-Thursday & **3:00pm** Friday (morning nursery pupils 11:40am daily).

Our detailed planning and preparation has focused on four key principles, which will mean a return to school is as safe as possible.

- avoiding contact with anyone with symptoms
- frequent hand cleaning and good respiratory hygiene practices
- regular cleaning of settings
- minimising contact and mixing

Our school re-opening guide will be available via ClassDojo and our website, for more detailed information. Most aspects of school life will return, with stricter controls. Perhaps the most obvious change will be the different entrances and exits and drop off/pick up points around school – please make sure you've read the information provided carefully.

Please contact us using office@arnbrookprimary.net or use ClassDojo if you have any questions ahead of your child coming to school in line with the timetable above. The government have explained that school attendance is compulsory for pupils from September, but do speak to us if you have any concerns about returning – we will work together to resolve any problems.

I hope you all have an enjoyable summer holiday and I look forward to seeing all of our families in September. I'm confident that by working together in partnership we can ensure everyone in our school community can be safe & happy at Arbrook in September.

Kind regards,

Mr. Fowle

Headteacher