

THE ABBEY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Friday 2nd October 2020

PARENT:TEACHER CONSULTATIONS

**Thursday 8th October
&
Tuesday 13th October
BOOKINGS OPEN VIA PARENTMAIL
@ 6P.M. TODAY**

<https://pmx.parentmail.co.uk/#core/login>

This term meetings will be held virtually and we are offering consultations with your child's Form Tutor and their teacher(s) of English, Maths and Science. You can also make an appointment with our SENCo, Ms Barkess, if you have any specific queries about SEND.

Once you have made your booking you will receive an email for each appointment with a link to join the meeting (the email will not be immediate but will arrive in time for the meetings). The link will take you via Microsoft Teams to a holding area. The teacher will then let you in when ready to begin your appointment with them.

Please do not worry if you do not have Microsoft Teams as the link will give you temporary access to the software.

Teachers have been asked to keep their meeting with you to 7 minutes to give them time to log off and log back in to their next appointment. Please bear with us if there are any technical teething problems as this is the first time we have used this approach.

If you do not have access to the internet please call Kim in the School Office to make your appointments for you.

Thank you to our Governors!

The Abbey has a fantastic group of governors who bring their expertise and experience from a variety of walks of life. Their commitment and contribution to the school is entirely voluntary, including participating in termly full governing body and committee meetings and taking responsibility for monitoring and supporting the school in areas where they have particular skills such as finance, health & safety and safeguarding.

Particular thanks at this time go to 2 governors who have completed their terms of office and are stepping down.

Elizabeth Pamplin has been a co-opted governor since 2006 and brought a wealth of expertise in Human Resources and Relations, Careers Guidance and Safeguarding and has been a very familiar face around school, hard-working and hands on.

Lindsey O'Dell has completed her second term of office as a Parent Governor, even though her daughter left the school in 2017, and has made a highly valuable contribution as Chair of the Teaching & Learning Committee.

There is more information about our governors on the school website:

<https://www.abbey.surrey.sch.uk/1217/governors>

School Photos

A contact sheet and login details will be sent home with your child. If you wish to order any photos or other personalised merchandise from IMAGO, order online by **15th October** for **FREE delivery to the school** (on 6th November 2020).

Orders after the cut-off date will incur a P&P charge.

ParentView Survey Results

Thank you to the 20 parents and carers past and present who responded to the school's request to provide feedback via the Parentview portal last year

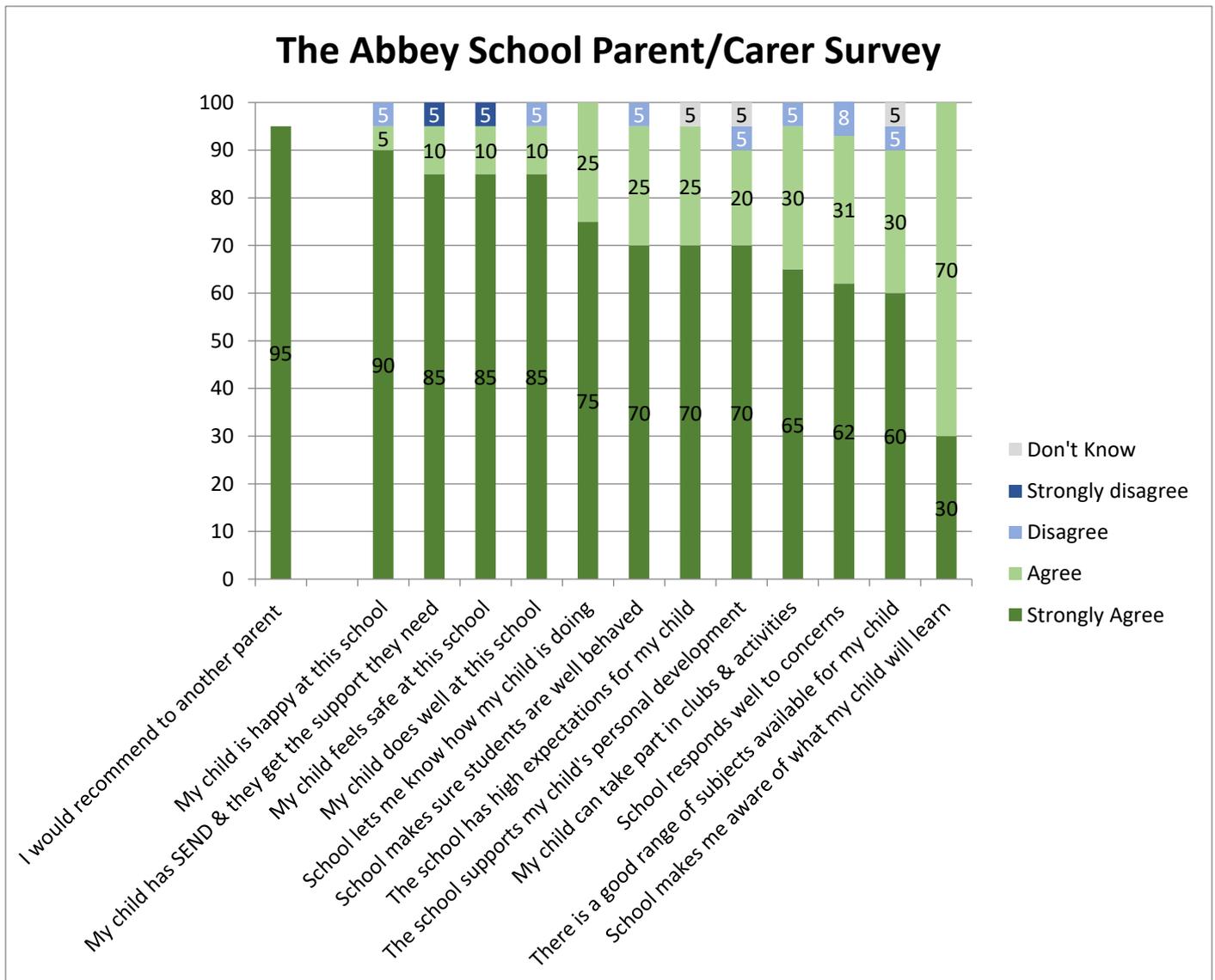
<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/login?destination=give-your-views>

Although only one parent expressed any negative views about the school and everyone else agreed their child is happy, supported, safe and does well and that students are well behaved, the results give us valuable information about areas where we could do even better. Only 2 out of 3 of you said you had raised any concerns with the school and the majority said you agree 'strongly' that the school responded well.

Please contact the school on 01252 725059, email enquiries@abbey.surrey.sch.uk or send in a note with your child if you have any queries, concerns or suggestions for improvement. The upcoming parent:teacher consultation evenings will give you opportunities to raise any questions relating specifically to your child and the subjects they are studying this year.

Don't forget that the video presentations the curriculum teams put together to explain what students in each year will be learning this year, together with other information about the school day, are still available on the school website. Please do watch the video appropriate for child's year group, if you have not yet done so, or use them as a reminder throughout the year.

<https://www.abbey.surrey.sch.uk/1652/curriculum-information-evening>





Some good news...

We were thrilled to learn that Scott successfully defended his sunflowers against the slugs and kept them fed and watered throughout the summer!

We could all do with some uplifting news at the moment so do please keep sending in photos of your child's activities, projects and achievements out-of-school (as many of you did during lockdown). Please send student news and photos to sarah@abbey.surrey.sch.uk

Department for Education guidance on the use of face covering when travelling to school or college

In accordance with advice from Public Health England, local authorities advise children and young people aged 11 and over to wear a face covering when travelling on dedicated school transport, unless they are exempt. Coronavirus (COVID-19) usually spreads by droplets from coughs, sneezes and speaking. When used correctly, wearing a face covering may reduce the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) droplets in certain circumstances, helping to protect others.

Therefore please can you ensure your child has a face covering that they can wear on the journey to and from school to keep everyone as safe as possible.

School Drop-Off and Pick-Ups

When picking up at the end of the day, please could we remind you about the importance of 'Social Distancing' and that you keep walkways and paths clear to allow students to be able to walk to their cars unimpeded. We appreciate that adults may wish to talk with one another, however we ask that you remain by your car when doing so.

Immunisations at School

This week students in Year 8 & 9 had an opportunity to receive their HPV injections at school and the nurses from the immunisation team also completed some final school booster catch-ups for our Year 10s who were not in school when they came in during lockdown.

Forthcoming vaccination dates are summarised below:

Thursday 26 th November 2020	Year 7 Nasal Flu	Please complete the e-consent form by 4pm on Thursday 19th November 2020 (when the website portal will close) www.surreyimmunisations.co.uk The school's unique code/URN number is SR125476 which you will need to enter on to the flu consent form.
Thursday 25 th March 2021	Year 9	HPV
Wednesday 5 th May 2021	Year 8	HPV
Wednesday 5 th May 2021	Year 9	FSB/MEN ACWY

FOTAS AGM POSTPONED

We were hoping to conduct the Annual General Meeting of the Friends of The Abbey School (FOTAS) virtually last week. This is a formality we need to undertake in order to satisfy the terms of the association's constitution. Unfortunately, an insufficient number of parents/carers came forward to take part (we need at least twice as many as there are members of the committee/trustees to reach a quorum). Please contact our Chair, catherineamcmillan@btinternet.com if you would be willing to take part in the AGM, even if you are not able to commit to getting any further involved in the future.

Please also get in touch with Cathy if you have any good ideas for raising money for extras for our students that can be organised in the current climate of social distancing and 'only 6'.

In the short term you could help by entering the postponed 50:50 Club summer draw which will now take place this half term (form below).

The Friends have raised funds for the redevelopment of the quad, artwork and planting, the new outside benches (which have been invaluable as we have been holding as many lessons outside as possible during the pandemic), the hoodies for the Year 11 leavers, interactive whiteboards for classrooms, staging & PA equipment for the hall and outdoor play equipment for the students, among other things. Future plans included funding for additional equipment for the Food Technology room which has recently been refurbished to enhance the Catering and Food for Life courses offered to students in all years. Sadly, FOTAS had to cancel 2 of the 3 main events planned for last year, so please do whatever you can to support this year.



Application to join Friends of The Abbey 50:50 Club – Summer 2020

Name:.....would like to join the FOTA 50:50 Club.

Contact Tel. No..... E-mail address

Child's name/class.....

I wish to purchase * _____ number(s) at £4 each for entry to 1 draw.

(* Please enter the total number of prize draw numbers you wish to purchase)

I enclose total payment of £ _____ in cash / cheque (made payable to The Friends of The Abbey School).

Each applicant will receive acknowledgement of their number(s) allocated in writing or by email.

If you have any questions/queries, please send them to FOTA via the School Office, The Abbey School, Menin Way, Farnham, Surrey, GU9 8DY c/o FOTAS

Parents/Carers/Grandparents/Friends are all welcome to join in (over-18s only)

Good luck and thank you for your support!