

Our Ref: JPT/HMH

31st January 2025

**Dear Parents and Carers** 

Today is the end of our second behaviour block and almost marks the halfway point in the school year. We use this time to reflect on how we are doing and how we can improve. In terms of behaviour and attendance at the school we have seen, compared with the same time last year, that

- We have reduced the number of suspensions by 36%
- We have reduced the number of days of suspension by 24%
- Removals are down 39%
- Attendance is around 1% higher

I want to thank you and our students for working with us to achieve this. As we continue to work on our values (Respectful, Responsible and Resilient) our students continue to impress us with their behaviour, attitude to learning and willingness to learn.

However, as I have stated many times, we can further improve the attendance of students at Abbot Beyne School. We do not want students at school who are unwell and should not be here, but wherever possible students should be at school. The number of fines issued to parents and carers by the Local Authority, not just for unauthorised holidays but long term absence, for non-attendance at school has significantly increased this year and this will continue to do so over the coming years.

It is the final week next week for Year 12 students to organise their own work experience.

The following week I look forward to meeting many of you at the Year 7 Consultation Evening. For Year 7 parents, we run a hybrid of in person and online appointments, whichever is most convenient for you. Further details will be sent in another email.

I hope you have a lovely weekend, whatever you are doing.

Kind regards

Mr Jamie Tickle

Headteacher

