

Thursday, 17th September 2020

Ambitions Academies Trust

Dear Parent / Carer

We are now in our second week of pupils being back in all our settings. The overall attendance has been really positive which is fantastic. After 5 months of total disruption to pupils' education, we all agree at AAT that we really want to sustain a good quality on-site education package so that our youngsters get back on track with their learning, but also enjoy a structure to their week which also allows them to see their friends.

Can I say a massive 'Thank You' to all parents and to our pupils for the support you have given in not only sending your children back to our schools, but also in your compliance to all the new rules. This has been so much appreciated.

We all know that cases nationally are sadly on the rise and we know that getting a test in a timely fashion is causing a great deal of tension and disruption. Already in Dorset and BCP we have had schools needing to close to certain pupils or year groups.

Over the coming weeks there will be really tough decisions for us at AAT to make in conjunction with each of our schools - our primary aim will be to maintain a full-time, on site programme for all pupils; however, if staff absence results in our plans for a safe school being compromised, we may need to take decisions to reduce down the current provision. I would like to reiterate that this would be a decision, if needed, that would be driven by circumstance and certainly would not be something any of us would want to instigate.

I sincerely hope the term continues in the way it has started with schools full of children very much enjoying being back in the classroom and in an environment where they can be happy and safe. The way our young people have coped with the new regimes that schools have had to impose, are a real credit to you. We really couldn't have hoped for a better start to the term. May it continue for as long as possible.

Yours faithfully



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