



September 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

A very warm welcome and welcome back to all our children, parents, carers and families! We have been amazed already by how well the children are settling and a big thank you to all parents, carers and staff for all their support during our revised drop off and pick up schedules. Going forward we will be emailing out all our letters and if this causes a problem then please contact the office on 01535 605272

2020 has been an unprecedented year with the onset of Covid 19, but Strong Close remained open throughout, initially for Key Worker and vulnerable children and then in June for all children, with a small bubble system. We are now open for all our children and information on our procedures to keep everyone safe will have been sent out to you, with details of the staggered drop offs and pick ups. Thank you to everyone for keeping to the drop off and pick up times as these are vital to keep everyone safe and to enable staff to action the regular cleaning routines that are required.

Further information on our procedures including our detailed risk assessment can be found on our new website (which we have just launched) and Facebook pages. You may find the following information useful and this can also be found on the Covid updates page on our website:-

To check if you have symptoms, whether you need a COVID test and how to get one please visit <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/get-a-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/>

You can also download the NHS Test and Trace app on your phone. For more information visit:- <https://www.nhs.uk/apps-library/nhs-covid-19/>

For a quick guide to parents on whether children should attend school or isolate please visit:-

<https://bso.bradford.gov.uk/userfiles/file/Public%20Health/Covid%20Guide%20for%20Parents%20and%20Schools.pdf>

For further government advice for parents and carers please visit:- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-in-the-autumn-term>

Or for translations of this advice in many languages please visit:- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-in-the-autumn-term-translations-for-parents-and-carers>

Please let us know your feedback on our new website including anything you found useful or would like to be added.





Finally

we are sure you would like to join us in welcoming our new staff to the Strong Close Community and please find their photos below for your information. Lauren is starting her teaching career at Strong Close and has a wealth of experience working in Early Years including work in Nursery Schools in Bradford. Lily so impressed us with her work experience here last year that we are thrilled to welcome her back as an apprentice this year. Laura has been a Teacher at Strong Close for many years and we are very happy that she has now joined our Senior Leadership Team as our new SENCo.



Lauren
Class Teacher



Lily
Early Years Apprentice



Laura Ross SENCo &
Class Teacher in
Green Room.

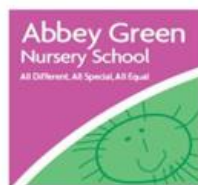
Please see our Autumn 1 2020 newsletter for all the exciting learning opportunities in blue, yellow and green groups this half term.

If you need any further advice and support in what can be challenging times, then please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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