



November 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to Autumn 2 half-term to all our children, parents, carers and families and we hope you have had a good holiday! Thank you to all parents/carers for sticking to the revised drop off and pick up schedules- this has been really important to keep everyone safe and allow staff the time to do the extra cleaning required and to have staggered breaks with social distancing. You should by now have received our Autumn 2 2020 newsletter with details of what your child will experience at nursery this half term as well as key dates for your diary. If you haven't received the email, then please contact the office on 01535 605272 to check they have your correct email address.

Unfortunately we will soon be saying a sad goodbye to Shahida Riaz our Administrator, who is moving to work at Abbey Green another Nursery School in our Federation. I'm sure you'll all join me in wishing her all the best in her new role and thanking her for her work within the Strong Close Community over the last three years. We have recently recruited a new administrator Kaye Hardman and she will be due to start at Strong Close in the next few weeks. In addition Sara Earnshaw who works across our Aire Valley Nursery School Federation as the Acting Resources Manager, has now gone on maternity leave and we eagerly await news of her new arrival! To support our admin team whilst Sara is away, Jane Caink will be working as a Senior Administrator to manage the Strong Close office and resources personnel.

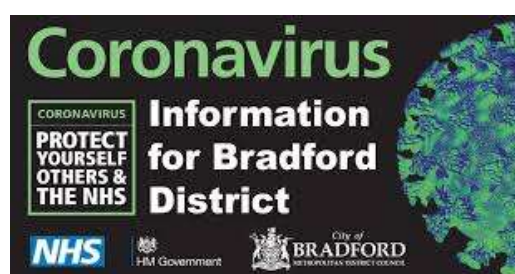
We would also like to say a big thank you to Lisa Boothman who has set up and led our two year old provision, since we took it over from the Pre School Learning Alliance in September 2018. She has worked extremely hard to develop our red room staff team and environments and her dedication has been exemplary. Lisa is returning to her role as an Early Years Practitioner at Strong Close from 1<sup>st</sup> December 2020 and will be staying on in Red Group to ensure a smooth transition going forward. Mel Murley will be taking over the role of Senior Early Years Practitioner to lead the two year old sessions. For many years Mel has been the manager at Harden Pre-School, an outstanding provision in the local area and we look forward to her joining the leadership team at Strong Close.



**Kaye Hardman**  
Our new Administrator



**Mel Murley**  
Our new Senior Early Years Practitioner



Don't forget that further information on our procedures including our detailed risk assessment can be found on our new website and also our Facebook pages. You may also find the following Covid information from Bradford Council useful which can be found at :-

<https://www.bradford.gov.uk/health/health-advice-and-support/coronavirus-covid-19-advice/>

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>

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



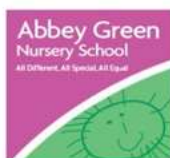
If you need any further advice and support in what can be challenging times, then please do not hesitate to contact us, we are here to help. Emma Eaton our Parental Involvement Coordinator works Tuesday to Thursday each week, and at other times the office can put you in touch with a Senior Leader for support.

Yours sincerely

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