

ABBOTSWOOD JUNIOR SCHOOL



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'It Really Does Matter'

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Dear Parents,

As I am sure you are aware, the weather forecast for next week is sweltering; with the two hottest days being next Monday and Tuesday (temperatures set to reach up to 32 degrees). After much deliberation, we feel that we have no choice but to move the production from both of these days. This was not an easy decision but was made with your child's health and best interests at heart.

Having just finished a 30 minute Headteacher Award assembly in the hall this afternoon, I feel it unfair to subject your children (and adults) to intense temperatures with over 400 people in an enclosed space for 2 hours. If only we could afford air conditioning!!

The end of term is extremely busy yet we have managed to find replacement times for both performances. Although I appreciate that the weather forecast is not 100% reliable, the temperature for Wednesday is predicted to be a lot cooler. Therefore, the two new times and dates are as follows:

1. Wednesday 20th July at 9.30am
2. Wednesday 20th July at 6pm

I know that the first time is not ideal when people have work commitments yet we felt that this was the safest and best option for all concerned.

This does involve a lot of administration on our part so please can you be patient with us. We will do everything in our power to make this work, as we want your children to have positive memories of their final few days at Abbotswood.

I will now try to answer any questions you may have:

1. **What should I do next?**

We will set up a Google Form for you to complete. This will be sent out tomorrow to anyone who has already purchased tickets. This form will give you the opportunity to book a ticket for a 'replacement' show.

2. **If I attend the morning performance, what time do I arrive at school?**

We will be opening the gate at 9.10am. Entry will be via the Ringwood Road entrance only. At the end of the performance, exit will also be via the Ringwood Road entrance.

3. **What happens if a performance becomes fully booked?**

Health and Safety regulations state that we are only allowed an audience capacity of

250. If, for example, the evening performance reaches capacity, you will be able to either book the morning performance or request a refund.

4. I have booked more than 1 ticket. How many forms do I complete?

You must complete one Google Form for every ticket purchased. The form is simple and easy to complete.

5. Do I have to sign in when I arrive?

There will be class lists on tables in the playground. Please sign your name next to your child's name on the register. This will be for the morning performance only.

6. Will there be parking on site?

Sorry - no. Please walk if you can. Thank you.

7. Am I able to bring young children/babies with me?

I am massively empathetic to anyone with young children and understand the issues surrounding childcare. Thus, I would never say that you are not allowed to bring children with you. However, the performance is quite long (1.5/2hours) and, from my experience, most younger children find it hard to sit through the duration of the whole performance. Therefore, if you are able to arrange childcare, I would recommend it.

Lastly, I am guessing that the evening performance will be the most popular. Thus, if you are able to make the morning show, we would encourage you to book onto this one. Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

I'll finish with my favourite quote from Moana:

"There comes a day when you're gonna look around and realise happiness is where you are."

Yours sincerely,

Mr Glenn Moore
Headteacher