



HIGHFIELD LITTLEPORT ACADEMY

An Active Learning Trust School

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Dear Parent or Carer,

It's excellent to see nearly all our learners back in school this year. We have just under 98% of our learners back to school which is above the national average. Both our schools feel as positive and purposeful as they did before COVID.

The first couple of weeks back have presented with many challenges not least of which has been the management of situations where pupils or staff (or those within their homes) have symptoms which require them to self-isolate and get a test. We know how difficult this is for families to manage but we have no choice currently other than to act in accordance with what the Government requires us to do. Adam, Yvonne and I meet weekly with reps from the Local Authority from Education, Health and Social Care and all the other special school Headteachers in Cambs and Peterborough. This has been a great way to ensure that our practice is in line with local and national expectations.

Please be reassured that we have had no positive test results in staff, pupils or their family members since coming back to school this term. If we do then we will immediately seek advice from Public Health England, Test and Trace and the Local Authority in what steps we need to take in managing the risk. The numbers of positive cases in Cambs has remained steady in the last couple of weeks overall, but we remain vigilant in case this changes.

We are working with the other Cambs special schools in developing a joint home learning offer and policy for those self-isolating and for general illnesses where pupils are well enough to access learning. As this moves forward we will feed back to you. In the meantime, if you have any concerns, queries or suggestions for improving our practice please do get in touch in the first instance with your young person's class teacher. We will do our best to address anything forwarded to us, please bear with us if you don't get an immediate response, I'm sure you will appreciate that due to the current situation things are exceptionally busy currently.

Many thanks,

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