



HLA News

Friday 6th October 2023



Dear Families,

It looks like we are in for a bit of a warmer spell for October – no need to put the heating on just yet!

Firstly I need to apologise on behalf of the school for the school photographs that were taken this week. When reviewing the proofs we were very disappointed with the quality and how the photographer rushed the whole process. We have put in a formal complaint to the company and will not be using their services again. As a school we are currently looking for an alternative.

This week the school immunisation clinic was held to administer flu vaccinations. The students coped extremely well with these and most of them were completed. If for any reason your child did not have the vaccination and consent has been given there will be a catch up clinic on Monday 4th December. Consent will automatically roll over to this date. If your child did not have the vaccination and you wish to withdraw consent you need to contact the Immunisation Team on 0300 555 5055 option 4 or email them hct.csaisscambspb@nhs.net

Some of the upstairs classes have been practically applying their preparing for adulthood skills this week. H1 and H2 went out in Ely learning to apply their road safety, social and communication skills. They even went to Costa and ordered hot drinks which made me very jealous. I hope I get invited to help next time!

H3 have been working very hard on their ASDAN PSD Community Action unit. They have been going to the local foodbank to volunteer and have made such a positive contribution to society. We are really proud of their behaviour and dedication during this activity.

All of this work is contributing to our overall aspiration for our students of preparing them for their next step. We firmly believe our work contributes to ensure they are equipped for adult life. We have received further information from the local authority to support and guide yourselves as parents and carers. There is now an advice line parents can call to get further guidance about transitions after Highfield. The information is at the end of the newsletter. This is particularly important for our Year 11 cohort who will be moving on at the end of the year.

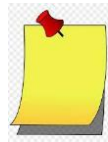
We now desperately need your support to keep our parent and carer group SOHLA running. We do not have any parents who can lead this due to them moving on or having other commitments. We will be hosting a Teams Meeting for interested parents to come and find out more information of ways that they can support our school. This will be held on Thursday 19th October at 1.30pm via Teams so that people do not need to travel. Here is the link https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_NjkzYmMzYjktN2Y2Zi00NmYwLTg3MTItYTVmOTZmMDM0YWRk%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22bd5335b2-3f25-41f8-b62b-73085365863d%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22671b02ac-b32a-4e33-bad3-e59906d016ff%22%7d

If you cannot make the meeting but want to be involved please do email office@highfieldlittleport.org If we do not have people coming forward the group will cease and we will not be able to provide those extra special treats and improve provision that we desperately need.

With all best wishes,

Yvonne Skillern

Head of School



Important Information



- Please ensure that if your child is absent you call the school before 9.15am to let us know the reason for this
- Don't forget to contribute £7.50 per term if you are able towards our extra-curricular activities. This can be done via Parent Pay as we are a cashless school.
- We have the catch up Flu Vaccination Clinic being held at school on Monday 4th December.
- Tuesday 10th October is Mental Health Day. We will be doing lots of activities to promote good mental health and students are invited to wear yellow or something bright for a £1 donation.

School Attendance

This week's whole school attendance was **88%**. This is a significant drop compared to last week, we need to do all we can to improve school attendance. Please remember absences won't be authorised during term time.

Online Safety Tip of the Week:

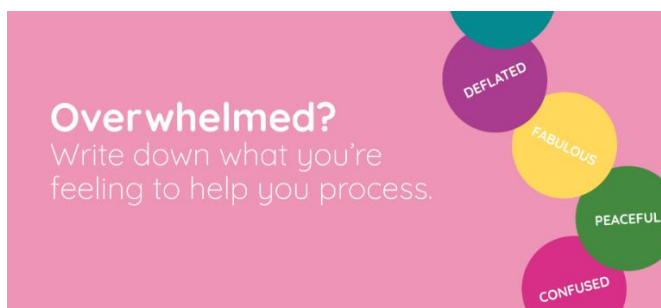


Emotion of the Week:



Our emotion of the week is ANXIOUS. We will be working with the students to recognise this emotion, how it feels and what induces it. We will also be teaching strategies to manage emotions appropriately.

Mental Health Tip of the Week:



On Tuesday 10th October it is World Mental Health Day and we will be raising money for the charity Young Minds. Students are invited to wear yellow or something bright to support this great charity. Take a look at this link for more information about the great work this charity does for children and young people.

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/>



Preparing for Adulthood (PFA) Duty Line Now Available!

Do you or your child or student have an EHCP, and you want more information:

- 1) Post-16 options for SEND children and young people.
- 2) 'Preparing for Adulthood (PFA) Outcomes' in EHCP annual reviews.
- 3) Helpful PFA person-centred tools for young people to use as part of transition.
- 4) PFA questions and checklists to think about during an annual review.
- 5) Further PFA resources and useful sign posting.

Phone our PFA Duty line: Every Monday 9-12pm and speak to Marty- Preparing for Adulthood Lead (Cambridgeshire County Council)

Phone Number: 07484 520039

Topics explored by areas



The local authority have just launched a Preparing for Adulthood Duty line. This gives more information to parents and carers for post 16 options after Highfield. The line is open every Monday between 9am and 12pm.

In line with the Preparing for Adulthood (PFA) strategy all of our students will now have an EHCP outcome related to an element of PFA. This is gradually being incorporated to student's plans over the next 12 months as we review their targets with you at Annual Review. This applies to all of our learners – it is never too early to start thinking about next steps.



Here's just a flavour of the activities our students have been taking part in. Great examples of teamwork, independence and thinking. What a positive impact they have on the community.

