



HLA News

Friday 7th September 2022



Dear Families,

This week has been a very busy one but lots of engagement has been observed in classrooms which is lovely to see.

This week I received some lovely feedback from our visiting sports coaches from Active Play Education. They work with classes in Key Stage 3 and 4 as well as running a lunch time sports club. The coach commented on how dedicated all of the students were to improving their skills. He also said it was lovely to see their excellent manners. I am very proud as a head to receive this feedback.

We have had a few queries this week around our protocols regarding the administration of medication at school. We are able to administer prescribed medications as well as some over the counter medications as listed in our policy (this can be found on our website www.highfieldlittleport.org/about-us/policies). It is essential that any medication is in its original box with dosage instructions and the pupil details if this is a prescribed medication.

Also this week we need to issue a reminder about the use of mobile phones, smart watches and electronic devices at school. Please see the online safety & e-safety section below for details. It is important that this information is adhered to as it can act as a risk to safety as well as acts as a distraction to learning.

This week we had lots of smiley students having their school photos taken. All students cooperated very well and managed the change of routine brilliantly. Thank you to parents for returning reply slips to confirm they want proofs.

Students in Puffins class have done some excellent work at Forest School this week. They have been using their physical skills to build dens, looking for different bugs and investigating different signs of nature within the area. There has been excellent application of risk taking and social skills which we are looking forward to being translated into the classroom.

Students in S2 have been using their culinary skills brilliantly this week. They were great at recognising safety risks when cooking and knew that the oven would be hot. They were great at applying their skills in preparing them for adulthood too. Lots of students were doing their own washing up – why not see if they can apply these skills at home?

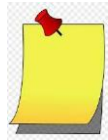
Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

With all best wishes,

Yvonne Skillern

Head of School



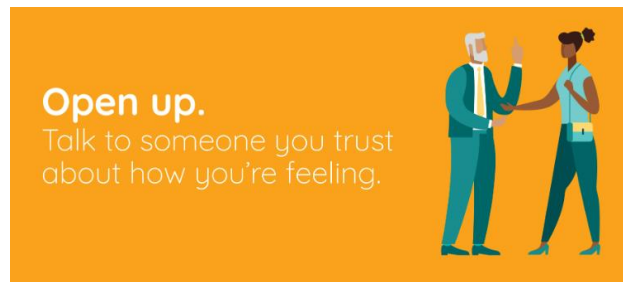


Important Information



- If any parents do not have access to our Evidence for Learning platform please make contact with the school. It would be helpful if you could provide us with an up to date email address in order for us to ensure you are correctly registered.
- It is World Mental Health Day on Monday 10th October. Please wear something yellow for the day. Students will be taking part in lots of activities linked to developing good mental health.
- 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 are a nut free school so please do not send in any products containing nuts.

Mental Health Tip of the Week:



Online Safety Tip of the Week:

Mobile Phones and Personal Possessions

This updates the previous information issued in January 2020

Some learners at Highfield Littleport Academy bring electronic devices into school, for example, 'phones, tablets and smartwatches. We recognise that for some learners, these devices may provide entertainment on the journey to and from school.

There are a number of potential problems with the use of such devices in school, including risks to the safety of our learners. In addition, devices can cause a distraction, which impacts on learning.

We ask that you discourage your child from bringing such devices to school, as they are valuable and may be lost, damaged or stolen. The school accepts no responsibility for theft, loss, damage or health effects (potential or actual) relating to electronic devices, other digital equipment or any other personal items, and will not undertake any related investigation. It is the responsibility of families to ensure mobile phones and other digital equipment are properly insured.

Please see our rules for the use of electronic devices below:

Electronic Device Rules

Devices include, but are not limited to: ‘phones, mobile gaming equipment, tablets, smart watches.

Devices that can **only** be used as watches or fitness trackers can be worn during the school day, but rule 6 below will still apply.

1. Personal devices that are internet enabled must not be used for any purpose while on school premises. This includes, but is not limited to, making and receiving calls, messaging, accessing the internet, listening to music, taking photos and videos. The school Wi-Fi system is not accessible for personal device use. Devices must be switched off before entering school grounds and remain off until the child has left site.
2. Devices must be handed to the class team on arrival at school.
3. Class teams will check devices are switched off, and lock them away.
4. If a pupil breaches these rules, the device may be confiscated and will remain locked away until the end of the day.
5. Pupils who refuse to give their device to a staff member may be subject to sanctions.
6. Devices must not be taken into examinations.
7. Photos of school site, learners and staff must not be taken (including transport staff).
8. Devices with broken screens must not be brought into school, as they pose a safety risk.

Emergencies

If parents need to contact children urgently they should phone the school office and a message will be relayed promptly.