



# HLA News

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2021



Dear Families,

Welcome to all of our new students and families and welcome back to our existing ones. It is lovely to have things getting back to a bit of normality again here at school with students enjoying the full range of curricular activities we can offer.

All of our students old and new have settled fantastically well into their new classes. This academic year we welcome some new staff to our team. Andy joins us with a wealth of mainstream experience to teach Puffins Class, Mia is new to our office team with experience in schools and multi academy trusts, Jill joins us from Highfield Ely as our KS4 Exams and Work Experience coordinator bringing all of her expertise from another SEN setting. We also welcome Andrea, Kelly & Claire to our TA and MDSA teams.

We also welcome Jeannette to our team as our new Student and Family Support Worker. Jeannette is on hand to support with advice, signposting and organising a variety of parent open events in the near future. If you would like to contact her you can email her on [Jeannette.hunter@highfieldlittleport.org](mailto:Jeannette.hunter@highfieldlittleport.org)

We have had some exciting art work going on in our new outdoor dining area. Our Year 11 students have been designing and then assisting a graffiti artist to create a mural. Pictures coming soon!

Just an update, unfortunately some of our site staff were required to self-isolate over the summer so we were unable to mark out the changes to the car park as expected. Please bear with us we will be getting to this as soon as possible to make pick-ups and drop offs easier at school. We did have a fantastic new addition to our playground over the summer. We now have a sunken trampoline on the big playground which is a HUGE hit with the students.

As I had previously communicated with you we are now not required to have as many Covid-19 measures in place here at school. We will however be taking a cautious approach and where we can we would like to encourage attendance at Annual Reviews to be virtual where possible. Parents are given the option of which method to take. We have found virtual attendance to be a benefit of Covid-19 where we can successfully have lots more professionals attending reviews than we did previously – we have to find a benefit somewhere!

With all best wishes,

Yvonne Skillern, Head of School

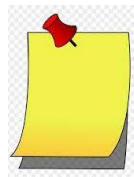




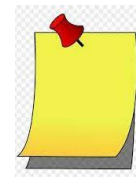
Golden Book  
Stars of the Week



## Starts Next Week!



### Important Information



- Although Covid-19 protective measures have been relaxed please remember the need for regular hand washing and social distancing at school. We want to keep everyone safe and well.
- Please be reminded of our Communication Protocol at school (attached). We aim to respond to your queries within 2 working days within school hours.
- Can I remind everyone that we are **nut free school**. If students bring products in containing nuts it will be necessary to confiscate them for the health and safety of all our learners.
- Secondary aged students please don't forget to test twice weekly and report results to [covid@highfieldlittleport.org](mailto:covid@highfieldlittleport.org) as well as the government website.

### Online Safety Tip of the Week:

#### BE AWARE OF SCAMMERS!

Don't automatically click on links in emails. They can be fake and lead you to malicious sites. Type in the web address yourself.

When in doubt call the bank or other company that sent you the email. Make sure your children are aware of this and 'Think before they click'.



## Mental Health

### *Tip of the Week*

Share your personal story with trusted friends. Sharing your story with others can help you better understand yourself and your experiences. If you are not comfortable sharing your story with others, write it in a journal or record it.