



HLA News

Friday 24th January 2025



Dear Families,

Lots has been happening this week both inside and outside school. Read on to find out more!



The enabling works are due to be started week commencing 27th January. Within this phase of the works the turning circle and drop off areas will be first to be completed. This is so that the day to day logistics of dropping off and collecting will still be able to run while the extension is being built. RG Carter will be working with ourselves to provide detailed monthly updates which will be at the end of the newsletter. Please see the first update below.

This week sees the end of the January series of exams for our Key Stage 4 students. I am incredibly proud of each and every student. They have handed themselves extremely well just managing exam conditions. Great results will be a bonus! I want to take this opportunity to thank all of the staff who have supported and organised the exams. This is not an easy task and there is a great deal of processing and marking involved.

On Monday next week (27th January) we will be taking part in a behaviour peer review conducted by members of the Active Learning Trust. As part of this process they will want to get the views of parents and carers on our approaches to behaviour. There may be a representative outside first thing gathering views from parents and carers.

I wrote to you last week via Class Dojo informing all parents and carers that the Local Authority SEND Department are having a Care Quality Commission (CQC) and Ofsted inspection. Thank you to everyone who completed the questionnaire via the link that was shared. As part of the inspection they will be visiting selected settings to see how they work in collaboration with the Local Authority. Highfield Littleport has been selected for inspectors to visit on Tuesday 28th January in the afternoon. They have been clear to express this is **not a school inspection** but an opportunity to gather views from the school community about Local Authority provision. They will be speaking to staff and students as part of the process. We are going to show them how great we are as a school anyway!

This week some students in Year 11 will be going on a residential trip to Grafham Water as part of an NCS funded project. This will give our learners a valuable opportunity to develop skills in preparation for adulthood. I am looking forward to hearing all about the activities they take part in.

Students in Owls class have done some excellent work this week. They have been developing their choice making and communication very well in class. Students have also been working on recognising different 3D shapes from choices of two and they did some amazing work.

Have a good weekend everyone.

With all best wishes,

Yvonne Skillern

Headteacher



Important Information



- Don't forget to make your termly £10 contribution to Class Funds. This is paid via Arbor.
- Please remember we are a **NUT FREE** school due to severe allergies. This includes sun creams and other products.
- Don't forget to connect to your child's Evidence for Learning account. If you need a reminder of your username or to reset your password please do let us know. The domain you need to use when logging in is **highfieldlittle**
- Please note the changes to drop off and pick up arrangements with effect fully from next week
- Some year 11's are going to Grafham Water Tuesday 28th – Wednesday 29th January
- We are on **week 3** of the school menu next week (WC 27th January 2025)

School Attendance

Whole school attendance was 91.3% this week. This is slightly higher than last week, lets keep it improving. Please remember any school term time holidays will not be authorised. **According to new direction from the trust families who take unauthorised holidays during term time will be face a penalty notice.**

Online Safety Tip of the Week:



Check a website

Determine whether a website is likely to be legitimate or a scam ... before you visit it.

Is it legitimate or not? Check the website here: <https://www.getsafeonline.org/checkawebsite/>

Emotion of the Week



The emotion this week is worried. Discuss this emotion with your child and how it makes their body feel. Explain that different emotions are ok and we are here to help manage them.

Mental Health Tip of the Week





We are pleased to advise that following the planning approval granted on the 23rd of October 2024, RG Carter has been appointed to carry out the scheme for developing the site.

This New Extension is a hugely positive development for our local community, containing classrooms and life skill development areas that will provide much needed additional educational capacity for the school. The scheme also includes a new drop-off area to ease the drop-off and collection of pupils and remove the buildup of traffic on Elm Side.

RG Carter are currently progressing with the detailed design work, planning and off-site mobilisation, to enable a start on site by late January. Once on site they will spend the first 6-weeks clearing the area, forming the site compound, and undertaking the drop-off loop works in preparation for works to start on the New Extension. The project is due to complete in Winter of 2025.

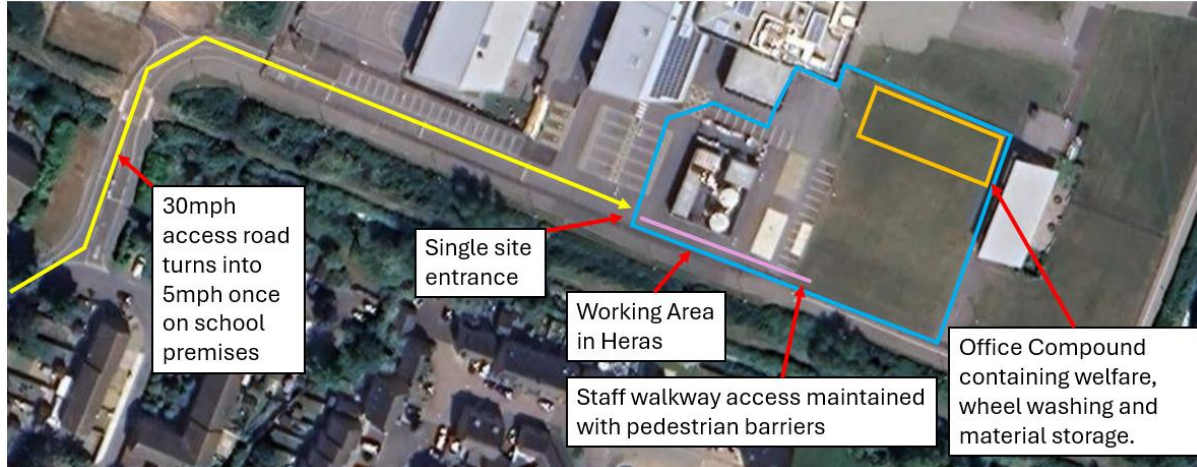
With a view to minimizing disruption to the neighbours and site users they will be maintaining a traffic management plan and delivery schedule system to ensure that deliveries do not cause unnecessary traffic.

Should a concern or problem arise during the construction period, then please contact our project team as detailed below:

Email: HighfieldsLittleport@rgcarter.co.uk

Project Manager: David Callow - 01223 265300

Site Logistics for Enabling Works



Site Logistics for Main Works

