



HLA News

Friday 29th April 2022



Dear Families,

Here we are at the end of our second week back at school and it has been a busy one!

With a change in government guidance we are now 'Living with Covid'. It is expected that Covid-19 is now managed in a similar way to other respiratory illness. There has been some confusion as to what actions to take if you suspect a Covid infection. Children and young people who are unwell with the new list of symptoms and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people, where they can. They can return to school and resume normal activities when they no longer have a high temperature and are well enough to attend. If you are able to access a Covid-19 test (any left over from issue or those purchased from pharmacies), anyone with a positive test should stay at home and avoid contact with others for 3 days. They can return to school after 3 days provided they have no high temperature and feel well enough to do so. We need to note there is no requirement to test now.

This week a group of our students went on their first residential trip to Kingswood. Thank you to Maria for organising and leading the trip. The students had a great time and did lots of activities from low ropes to archery. I hope the students have been worn out enough for parents to get a bit of a lie in at the weekend. There was a lot of great team work and everyone enjoyed! Also a big thank you to the staff for giving up their own time to support the residential. Without them this is not possible.

Here at Highfield Schools (Littleport and Ely) we have an exciting opportunity for parents and carers. Are you analytical and have attention to detail? If so we could use your skills! We are looking for new members of our governing body. If you can commit a little time to help us to continually improve our school we would love you to get in touch. Either Yvonne or Simon can give you more details.

Apologies we forgot to attach the survey results with the newsletter last week. Please see them at the end of this newsletter. Again they were overwhelmingly positive, thank you for supporting us.

Our students have been applying their historical learning this week brilliantly alongside the Littleport Community Worker and Adams Heritage Centre. They were provided with a variety of mystery items and they used their enquiry skills to work out the items well.

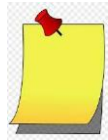
Don't forget we have a bit of an extended weekend. Monday 2nd May is a bank holiday so we will be looking forward to welcoming students back to school on Tuesday 3rd May. Fingers crossed the sun shines this weekend.

With all best wishes,

Yvonne Skillern

Head of School





Important Information



- On 5th May MEN / DTP vaccinations will be taking place for Year 9 pupils and anyone in Year 10 who missed the vaccination due to Covid – the online consent deadline is midday 4th May. Please use the link below to consent or decline for this vaccination. If you have already submitted a consent or refusal, you do not need to resubmit:
<https://forms.hct.nhs.uk/ImmsConsentData/Form1/#!/Page1>
School Code: EE140882
Alternatively please refer to the letters posted on dojo before the Easter Break for those students who are eligible.
- On 10th May HPV vaccinations are taking place for Year 8 students and anyone in Year 9 and 10 who missed the vaccination due to Covid – please use the link below to access the online consent, deadline is midday 9th May.
<https://forms.hct.nhs.uk/HPVConsent/eForm>
School Code: EE140882
Alternatively please refer to the letters posted on dojo before the Easter Break for those students who are eligible.
- 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.
- We are actively recruiting parent governors. If you have an analytical mind and want to support and challenge our school please contact either Yvonne or Simon.
- Don't forget Monday 2nd May is a bank holiday so students will be back at school on Tuesday 3rd May.

Mental Health Tip of the Week:



Online Safety Tip of the Week:

Media literacy and fake news

- Be aware that not everything you read online is necessarily true
- Consider the source and if you have any doubt, do a little online research to see if it's likely true
- Never share anything that you have any reason to doubt. It's not only bad to share inaccurate information, but it also hurts your credibility

Parent Views Survey 2021 – 2022 Summary

The parent views survey was shared with parents and carers for a period of 3 weeks. This was via a link on Microsoft Forms which was shared on Class Dojo and via our school newsletter. For parents who do not have access to this forum paper copies were printed and sent home. There were 22 responses in total. In between this time the school was subject to its first Ofsted inspection so parents were also required to complete surveys for this purpose. This could be a reason why there was a lower number of respondents in this time.

There were responses from primary and secondary departments which was relatively an equal spread across the school.

In general there was a fantastic response to the survey with very minimal responses that disagreed and none that strongly disagreed to the questions. Questions are highlighted below in further detail.

All but a few respondents were overwhelmingly positive (agree or strongly agree) to the questions: staff know my child's potential, they feel safe at school, the parents are kept regularly informed in learning, the school promotes independence, there are high expectations around behaviour, the school is approachable and parents are involved in setting targets for their child.

Areas where there were more neutral responses were around parents having a clear idea about student's next steps. For a lot of parents it was too early to make this judgement.

Within the free text response there were some very positive comments about our school.

Overall all parents either agreed or strongly agreed that Highfield Littleport is a good school.

In response to these results the following action points are being (or are already incorporated) into our school development plan:

- Open parent sessions supported by our Family and Student Support Worker which helps them be more informed about facilities available and the next steps for their child.

There was a free text box to reflect some great things about the school and some areas to develop. A selection of these comments can be found below:

'We would like to see more on the portal of that they do and would love for there to be after school clubs and holiday clubs they could attend'.

'Read Write Inc has made a big difference to my child's reading'.

'We would like to thank you all for the help and support that you give us'.

'The school is a great school and my child has made progress. You are all fantastic.'

Thank you for your positive feedback and we are working hard to continue to develop our school.