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Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you so much for the warm welcome to the school. I am very excited to be here as the Headteacher of Harleston CE Primary Academy.

We, as a school, appreciate your continued support as we enter our second national 'lockdown' - the difference this time is that schools are open to all pupils and we are grateful that the children will be able to access their education with us.

Due to the new restrictions, there have to be a number of changes within school and these have been made in accordance to national guidelines and with the full support of the Trust and Governors.



I must request that when adults are on the school site that they remain 2+ metres apart and that face coverings are worn (unless you are medically exempt). This is in accordance with the latest Government guidelines.

There are members of our community who are more vulnerable to the virus and its effects. Unfortunately, I am one of those people. I have been working with the Trust and Governors to ensure that I can remain on the school site. I will be in the ICT mobile classroom which is not being used and regrettably, I will not be able to be on the gate for the time being.

We are doing everything that we can in order to ensure that all of our staff, students and parents/carers are as safe as they can be whilst in our school.

If members of staff are asked to stay at home during this pandemic, they will be working with children electronically through Google Meet. This will enable pupils to be in school, when staff are not able to be, but will also enable some pupils to have extra support and 1:1 in certain areas.

Please be rest assured that this process allows pupils to have access to the same high quality education that they would have had, if the adult was in school. Any classes having sessions led virtually will be fully supported by adults in the classroom. This method is widely used across the UK and is supporting children and teachers during this unprecedented time.

If a child is asked to isolate for any period of time because of Covid-19, we will ask them to complete their work via Google Classroom. If you need any support during this time please contact the school office via MyEd with your query.

Our school Remembrance Service will be held virtually for pupils and each class is creating a natural wreath/display to show their respect. These will be placed in our forest area on 11th November.

Kindest Regards,

Miss Hannah Holgate
Headteacher