

# Harleston C.E. Primary Academy

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**Headteacher: Miss Hannah Holgate**

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Dear Parents/Carers,

What a week of different weather! The waterproofs and wellies have been in full use again as I stand on various gates around the school each morning and afternoon. Unfortunately, our wet playtime routines have been rolled out a number of times but we have been getting outside when we can. It has been great to see how well our children have settled back into the routines of school despite a few differences.

## **WOW moments - my three highlights of the week!**

- The smiles, waves and greetings from parents, students and siblings to our wonderful gate staff
- Outstanding cutlery skills and manners from some of our Reception students in the dining hall
- The resilience, flexibility and hard work of the staff members who are still working remotely during this time and to our students who have responded so positively to this different way of working

## **Norfolk County Council Early Help and Family Support**

At school, we're not just here to support students academically. The family behind the student is part of the Harleston family too. In some situations, our Pastoral Staff might suggest that you are put into contact with our local Early Help Team. These teams are based around Norfolk and are made up of:

- Head of community and partnerships
- Partner and community focus managers
- Partner focus officers
- Community focus officers
- Senior pathway advisors
- Pathway advisors

Difficulties that you could be facing as a family might be:

- Mental health problems
- Domestic abuse at home
- Drug or alcohol dependency
- Your child not going to school
- Struggling as a lone parent
- Debt problems
- Housing problems

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Our local Early Help Hub is South Norfolk and their number is - 01508 533933.

At times, we might suggest that a family needs some help and this will be made in consultation with CADS (Children's Advice and Duty Service) with your consent. This will then allow a 'team' to be arranged around the family to help provide the support needed. This 'team' will work together in meetings to develop the FSP (Family Support Process).

### **Online Safety**

As the school's Computing Lead and Assistant Headteacher for Inclusion, Online Safety is a key aspect to help protect and empower our students. Please see the attachment for a guide about WhatsApp which is a messaging application that a number of our students use on their own devices.

### **Easter Holidays**

Please note that the first day of the Easter holidays will be the 29th of March. School will be closed and remote learning will not be posted during this time. We will all return to school on the 12th of April.

### **Summary**

Whilst I've been thinking about Easter, and those chocolate eggs that we've been looking at in the supermarket for months, there are comparisons with the Covid-19 pandemic and the story of Jesus, at this time. We will rise up from the situation we find ourselves in and thrive again. Shops will reopen, groups and clubs will find themselves joining together once more and community spaces will ring with the sound of voices. As a school community, we are excited to look forward to this time and what we are going to achieve moving forward positively together.

*"If you can?" said Jesus. "Everything is possible for one who believes." (Mark 9:23.)*

Yours sincerely,

Sam Carter  
(Assistant Headteacher-Inclusion)