



# Harleston CE Primary Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Over the past two weeks I have had the pleasure of working across the Harleston Federation and seeing the children at Harleston Primary Academy (HPA) and Archbishop Sancroft High School (ASHS) demonstrate an excellent approach and attitude towards their learning, each other and the wider community. Furthermore, I have worked alongside colleagues in both schools and have witnessed a level of care, energy and enthusiasm that provides a huge sense of hope for our children and their futures.

Visiting classes I have thoroughly enjoyed making culinary delights in the mud kitchen with our reception children; reading and learning about inspirational characters such as Nelson Mandela with children in Year 4; exploring Macbeth with the A Team at ASHS and observing the process of Electrolysis in a practical Chemistry Year 11 lesson. As a community we place a great emphasis on reading and I have been inspired by colleagues in both schools as we develop reading programmes and a curriculum that serves to engage, inspire and challenge.

What is so evident is that we are blessed to have two schools that recognise and place relationships at the heart of what we do and I thank you all for the part you have played in this. The conversations I have had on the school gate, on the phone, via email or via the schools' Twitter feeds have been incredibly constructive and supportive. Although I have worked in the Harleston community for the past 10 years, in recent months I have become fully immersed in the life of both schools and value the way in which we are all able to work together in partnership, through trusting one another, ensuring our children are able to flourish, through God's love, to live and experience 'Life in All its Fullness.'

As we look ahead, there is clearly a good reason to do so with a great sense of optimism for what we can achieve together. Earlier this week you will have received an email from the school office with a document from Mr Cranmer, CEO of St Benet's MAT outlining the consultation process regarding the All Through School for Harleston. I encourage you to share any questions you may have via the survey link <https://forms.office.com/r/cNpRZzMr5>.

Although I have shared a very positive image of what we are currently experiencing in our schools, I am acutely aware that we are still in a community where Covid-19 is having an impact. At HPA and ASHS we continue to take the necessary precautions to promote community safety and wellbeing and we thank you for your support in this. For further information and for the most up to date risk assessments relating to Covid-19 please visit the schools websites ([www.ashs.stbenets.org](http://www.ashs.stbenets.org) / [www.harleston.stbenets.org](http://www.harleston.stbenets.org)).

Yours sincerely,

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