



# Harleston CE Primary Academy

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Dear families,

As we enter the first full week of October, it's important to spend a moment reflecting on the first month of the school year. On behalf of all of the staff I would like to thank you all for the support and encouragement you have shown. We have made a positive start to the autumn term and I am inspired on a daily basis by the hard work of our school community, both pupils and staff. On a personal note, it has felt like I have been working in the school for a lot longer than a month and I am full of hope for what we will achieve - it is very exciting.

We are currently working on our plans with regards to remote learning, should we need it either for individuals or for larger groups. As before, we will be using Google Classrooms but we are adapting our provision to ensure that it is as clear as possible for children and parents at home, should the need arise. Wherever possible, we will try and maintain as little difference as possible between the learning in school and the learning at home. If you do have any questions then please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.

As the weather turns a little colder and children may be bringing in additional clothing items, such as scarves, gloves, hats etc, please can you double check that names are clearly written? We are beginning to build up a small collection of items with no names and we would like to reunite them with their owners. Over the course of the term so far there have been a number of absence request forms sent in to school. With all of the disruption to holiday plans over the last eighteen months, it is not surprising that families are having to adjust their plans. However it is worth stating that schools are not allowed to grant authorised absence during term time, unless in exceptional circumstances. As I am sure you can appreciate, these exceptional circumstances will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Best wishes

Mark Carlyle  
Head of School