



# Harleston CE Primary Academy

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Dear families,

Welcome back for the second half of the autumn term. I hope you all had an enjoyable week and the children are energised and ready to tackle the work that lies ahead.

Many thanks to those of you who have signed up for the virtual parents evening this week, on Tuesday 2nd November 3.30pm-6pm and Thursday 4th November 4pm-7pm. If you need any technical support with signing up then please let the school office know, as they will be happy to help. A reminder that each consultation slot will last a maximum of 9 minutes and then the session will end, to allow the next appointment to be lined up and ready for access. I'm confident that the system will run smoothly and you will find it easy to use.

The consultation for the all through school proposal closed just before half term and we are grateful to everyone who replied or attended the virtual meetings. The feedback is currently being reviewed by the multi academy trust and we will communicate any updates to you when we have them.

This week we welcome Mrs Kinsella to our teaching team. Mrs Kinsella has significant experience working with pupils with special educational needs and disabilities and will be working predominantly in Dove Hub. I am sure that she will be made to feel extremely welcome by the children, staff and the wider Harleston community. Also working in Dove Hub in a teaching assistant role are Mrs Freeman and Miss Gray, who started before the half term break. I'd also like to take this opportunity to welcome Mrs Wilkinson, Mrs Khanom and Mrs Farmer to our midday supervising team.

This week we will be saying goodbye to our caretaker, Mr Staff. In my time at Harleston I have seen first-hand the excellent, tireless work that Mr Staff has put in and I would like to thank him on behalf of all of the staff and pupils and wish him all the very best for the future. Mr Adams will be taking over later this week in the caretaker role and we will also welcome Mr Cator as assistant caretaker.

Each week we review our COVID protocols, in light of the current guidance at a national and local level. For the time being, we will maintain our one way system, the extended drop-off and pick-up times, virtual assemblies and face masks for staff in communal areas around the school. There will also be additional cleaning taking place during the school day, which we feel is a positive step forwards. We will continue to put the safety and wellbeing of our school community first, as I am sure you would expect.

Many thanks to everyone who has supported our fundraising efforts over half term for the pulmonary hypertension charity. This week is national PH week and it would be great if the children could bring in any sponsorship money and forms in a sealed envelope by Friday 5th November.

Best wishes for the half term ahead

Mark Carlyle