



# Harleston CE Primary Academy

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Dear families,

Many thanks for your continued support of the measures that we have in place to mitigate the risks of the transmission of the virus. We continue to work alongside our partners in St Benet's Trust to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our school community and we will always do what we believe to be in the best interests of the children and staff.

I had the pleasure of seeing the work of the wellbeing council last week through the kindness charters that they designed. The thought and effort that the children put in was fantastic and I'm really pleased with the results, which will be displayed around the school in the coming days. The profile of our wellbeing council is something that I am very proud of and I know they are going to make a big difference to the school.

Last week we were delighted to welcome some members of staff from Archbishop Sancroft High School into school to work alongside some of our staff, with a focus on reading. The work that they collectively produced was excellent, drawing on the expertise of both settings and this collaborative way of working is something that we believe is going to be of real value to the children in our school. The creation of the all through school is going to further enhance these relationships and it is a genuinely exciting opportunity to create something very special for our community, both now and in the future.

As you know, the school gates open for the start of the day at 8.45am and close at 9am. We feel that this 15 minute window has allowed for a steady flow of parents and children onto the school site and safe movement at drop-off time. Whilst we appreciate that occasionally things happen at the last minute that can cause difficulties, it is important that children arrive at school punctually. Even being just 5 minutes late every day equates to about three and a half days of lost learning over the course of the year and children missing vital input at the start of the lesson. If you are experiencing any issues with this then please talk to me or your child's class teacher.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Best wishes

Mark Carlyle  
Head of School