



HIGHFIELD LITTLEPORT ACADEMY

An Active Learning Trust School

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Dear Parent or Carer,

I hope you and yours are well throughout this turbulent time.

In both our schools we are operating a 'bubble' approach to pupil groups, and have between 20 and 30 at each school each day. This represents a small proportion of our total pupil roll, but the bubble approach means that each group is smaller than usual to allow for our version of the social distancing expectations. Each group needs a classroom, staff room and toilets in order that there is no cross over with other groups in school, so this takes up much more physical space than usual.

This system is working well for the time being while we are expected to provide separation as much as we can in our setting and therefore to minimise the risk of infection. However, we recognise that we can't accommodate many more pupils within this approach. Therefore, for the majority of learners the offer will remain a home learning one for the time being, and until the Government guidance changes.

As things move towards a more normal way of life we will be able to accommodate more pupils. The key factor for us is that, whilst there is the expectation that schools need to have practice in place that promotes social distancing this severely limits the number of pupils we are able to have on site at any one time. However, we are hoping that the limitations we are working within are relaxed for September and we are able to take a much needed step back towards a full opening offer.

Our plan, subject to guidance, of course, is that we continue to offer within the bubble groups we currently have, considering requests for some time in school where we can accommodate and subject to a risk assessment being completed. At Highfield Littleport in order to facilitate the transition of our new students from our April 2020 intake we will be opening a new bubble for these students as from 29th June 2020. **In order to facilitate this it will be necessary for us to close each Wednesday afternoon as from 1st July for all students.** Then in September we use our class lists as the basis for groups of pupils in school. However, as always we will be waiting on the announcements and have no prior warning of the content of these from the government.

To enable us to hit the ground running in September, we are planning to close for a training day on Weds 22nd July, but will confirm that shortly.

If you do have any questions, please do ring the main school number, or email office@highfieldlittleport.org

Many thanks for your co-operation and understanding,

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