

Message from Mr Maltby

18th September 2020



Good afternoon,

I do want to focus on student safety and well being this week please.

The school is continuing to review and adapt its Covid 19 Risk Assessment; including strengthening our first aid provision and monitoring implementation of procedures. I absolutely understand the serious responsibility that myself and our school have at this time and I will continue to adapt and strengthen our procedures whenever that is needed.

I am also keen to escalate our support for student well being. I am working with the pastoral team to train a number of students to become mental health ambassadors and further information about their role will be provided over the coming weeks. I want the mental health of our students to be a key priority for our school and using our students to promote positive messages of support, alongside where students can safely receive support, is a key component of this aspiration.

Finally, I continue to respond to the situation of parking in the local vicinity and ensuring that our students are not just safe on our school site but also on their way to and from school. Although the staggered end is required to ensure that students safely board the buses in their year group or walk off school site in the bubbles I recognise that further steps are needed to reduce waiting times for parked cars. I therefore want to introduce a new scheme in which parents who collect their child by car can inform the school and these students will be allowed to leave 10 minutes ahead of our 3.15-3.30 end time. They will continue to leave the school in bubbles but within five minutes to ensure that siblings are not held up waiting for each other. This approach both meets national guidelines and, I hope, will take further pressure off parking in the local vicinity. I think it is important as a school leader that I continue to look at ways of responding to this situation and to be a good neighbour to our local community.

Therefore, if you regularly use the car to collect your child/children and would like the school to issue your child with a permission slip to leave school from 3.05pm, please can you contact the school using the following email:- parents@holbrookacademy.org using 'Early Permission Slip' as the subject.

We will then forward further information. Please also note that any child who is given permission to leave school at 3.05 will be given a further ten minute learning activity to complete when at home.

Could I also please ask for your support in reminding your child about road safety and, in particular, about using the zebra crossing at the front of the school if they need to cross the Ipswich Road.

I have met with the community police this week to look at supporting the school at the end of the day and been in contact with the local authority.

Finally, in my meeting with the community police I have requested support to enhance their work with our students focusing on internet safety, knife crime, county lines and road safety. The safety and well being of our students remains a top priority.

I wish you all a good weekend

Kind regards
Tom Maltby
Headteacher