

11th September 2020



Dear Parents and Carers

We have had a fantastic first week back to school and I am so proud of how well the students have coped with all the changes. The students have been absolutely stunning! They have followed the one way and zoning system exceptionally well and there is a wonderful sense of calm in the school. It has been a pleasure to walk around the school and see such wonderful learning going on. I have been very impressed with the maturity and understanding that students have shown each other and staff. As a staffing body, we feel assured with all the plans that we have put in place and the compliance shown by students has ensured a smooth operation to school life.

I appreciate that we have had a few issues with transport this week, hopefully the buses will improve in efficiency as we progress through the term. Can I please remind parents not to park on site during arrival or departure. Additionally, please can parents be considerate of our neighbours when parking outside the school. We have received complaints from residents on England's Road. Parents have been parking on both sides of the road, double yellow lines and too close to the junction, which makes it difficult for other road users and dangerous for our students. Our staff have also raised concerns about dangerous parking outside the school. I would like to urge parents to consider parking in the large car park behind the Methodist church, near the surgery. This is a short walk for students and would ensure that parents can park and wait safely to collect their child.

Please also remind your child to wear their mask if they travel to school by bus or taxi and be aware of traffic as they get off at their stop.

ClassCharts logins for parents/carers have been passed to all students today.

If your child would like to order a hot lunch or cold packed lunch, please remember to use the scopay system and order in advance for the week. If you have any issues using this, please contact Mrs Webb, at [finance@acle.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:finance@acle.norfolk.sch.uk) or via the main school office.

Please could you remind children to bring back their library books which were issued before lock down. We are keen to reinstate our reading lesson but our library is rather depleted.

Lastly, within our zoning system now, students are rather restricted as to where they can eat their lunch. They are coping with this really well, but we would love to invest in more picnic benches that we can add to each zone around the school. Unfortunately, our school budget has been completely depleted by resources to make us covid secure. As you can imagine, we are getting through a lot of sanitiser per day, so we have nothing left to invest in improving the environment for our students. If you would like to make a small donation to help us buy some picnic benches please make a donation via scopay or via a cheque made payable to Acle Academy, which can be handed into the school office. Additionally, if you work or own a business which would like to sponsor a bench, we could add a plaque to a bench with your company's logo. Any small donation, no matter how small would be gratefully received. £5, could make a significant difference and help make students feel more comfortable in their zone at lunch time.

I hope you all have a great weekend and that your children are not too tired after their first week back at school.

Best wishes



Helen Watts

Principal