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**Holderness Academy**  
& Sixth Form College

Dear Parent / Carer

Many thanks for your continued support as we settle into the new term. We continue to manage both staff and student absence as best as we can to ensure the best possible education for your child(ren), and I am very grateful for the commitment of our staff in doing so.

### **Threat Procedure – Lockdown/Invacuation Alarm**

We are planning to raise the lockdown/invacuation alarm on Tuesday 25 January to talk through our response with students in case the school faced an imminent threat. This is standard procedure and most schools now have a lockdown policy in place. A signal/alarm will sound at the end of Period 2 where we will talk our students through the procedure to provide reassurance. This follows on from our assembly focus this week on evacuation and invacuation procedures.

### **Teaching and Learning**

We continue to embed and develop the use of 'cold calling' as well as launching our Term Two focus on the use of 'Modelling'.

Modelling is a core element of teaching. In its most simple form, modelling is about seeing before doing and therefore minimising the ambiguity around an outcome. We will share a range of these strategies in following newsletters.

### **Extended Curricular Programme**

We are delighted that so many of our young people are involved in the wide range of activities offered at our Academy. For further information on what is on offer this term, please [click here](#).

### **12 to 15-year-old vaccination programme**

I have had a couple of queries regarding this via our Facebook page. Phase 2 of the in-school vaccination programme for 12 to 15-year-olds will take place this term. We are awaiting confirmation of the date from our school age immunisation service (SAIS) provider and I will provide you with any further updates in due course.

### **Remote Learning**

Work will continue to be posted on a student's Google Classroom should they be self-isolating. A student's login details can be found in their planner; guidance for students and parents is on our website and queries can be sent to [remotearnig@holderness.academy](mailto:remotearnig@holderness.academy) or directly to pastoral leads.

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## Canteen tills and biometrics

I am pleased to inform you that the new canteen tills are scheduled for installation next week. In addition, our current cashless system is being upgraded. The upgraded system and new tills will allow us to provide a more efficient, faster and ultimately better quality of service.

To support the system upgrade, where parental consent is held, all students will be re-registered with their biometric finger scan. This will be used to identify their account at the till and make payments. Biometric registration does not store fingerprints but translates them into an encrypted code which enables each student's cashless catering account to be identified. All biometric data is stored in compliance with the Data Protection Act and is not transferred, shared, accessed, used or stored for any other purpose than cashless catering.

The installation of the new tills and system upgrade will not adversely impact on the operations of our canteen during the school day or on the account access for parents/carers to top up their child's account.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Wilson', written in a cursive style.

Mr Wilson  
Headteacher