



Spalding Parish Church of England Day School

8th July 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

Academic Year 2020-2021 – Transition Y4+SH

I would like to begin this letter with a huge 'Thank You' to all of you for your understanding, patience and support throughout the course of the COVID 19 pandemic. Your confidence in the school and the Trust to make the right decisions for your children has been greatly appreciated and has made a very challenging time much easier. The kindness you have shown staff in your messages of support have also meant a great deal and I know they would also like me to pass on their thanks to all of you following such an unprecedented period within education.

As this Academic Year draws closer to its' end we are beginning to look towards the next academic year and what this will look like for our pupils. You will have no doubt seen in the numerous updates from the Government that they are advocating that all pupils return to school in September. We are now planning for this, both in the coming weeks and into the summer break, so that any return for pupils is as safe as possible. Having recently undertaken our wider opening for EYFS, Year 1 and Year 6 pupils we have no doubt that this can be done successfully and are really looking forward to welcoming your child back into school and us being together as a community once again. If this were to change we will of course inform you straight away. However, we have all got our fingers (and toes) crossed that we will be back together as a school family for the coming academic year.

It is also the time of year when we are looking towards next year, including classes and Class Teachers, and how we can ensure your child's transition into their new class is a smooth one. This year more than any year, I know many of you will be anxious about this transition given the recent school closure and the time spent away from school and from Year Groups and classes. With a new intake of pupils due to join SPCEDS in September 2020 as part of our Foundation Stage, all pupils will move up to the next Year Group. However, we do feel it is important that all pupils get the opportunity to say goodbye to their previous Year Group and hello to their new Year Group as they normally would during a 'typical' academic year and have therefore put the following plan in place to support their transition from their current Year Group to their new Year Group.

Thursday 3rd September – All pupils return to school to the Year Group, class and classroom they were in when the schools closed on March 20th:



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- EYFS: EYFS return to EYFS
- Key Stage 1: Year 1 return to Year 1; Year 2 return to Year 2
- Lower Key Stage 2: Year 3 return to Year 3; Year 4 return to Year 4
- Upper Key Stage 2: Year 5 return to Year 5

Pupils will remain in that class all day and should be collected from that class at the end of the day. Further details re timings will be sent in due course as it is likely these will be staggered for different Year Groups and different classes in line with the current Government guidance with regards to schools returning in September.

Friday 4th September – Pupils return to school and return to the Year Group, class and classroom they were in when the schools closed on March 20th (see above for details).

After lunch, pupils will be collected by their new Class Teacher and will transition to their new class and classroom to spend the afternoon with their new teacher and other staff within the Year Group. Children will then need to be collected from their new classroom at the end of the day on the Friday. Please speak to a member of staff for directions to their new classroom if you are not sure.

Monday 7th September onwards – Pupils return to school to their new class and Year Group and start the new academic year. They will remain in these classes for the year ahead.

As a school, we believe this will allow pupils to say goodbye to the teachers and teaching assistants they worked with during the academic year 2019/20 whilst allowing a short transition to build their confidence as they enter a new class with new teachers and teaching assistants for the academic year 2020/21.

Each year, when planning transition and classes, we consider all we know about the children in school, their time in that Year Group and if the current class groupings ensure the best possible outcomes for all. We have decided that your child's class will remain together for the next academic year as we believe that there is a fair split between the numbers of boys, girls, children who speak English as an Additional Language and children who have any Special Educational Needs, abilities, etc. Change is inevitably a little worrying for anyone; however, I would urge you to promote the next step in your child's learning journey as a very exciting and positive one. Following their transition afternoon I would ask that you talk about this and, over the weekend, occasionally drop into conversation the positives and benefits of their transition to their new class as they continue on their journey through our school.

I hope that this will allow your child to move on from their old class and Year Group to their new one in a successful manner and look forward to welcoming everyone in September. Your child's class and Class Teacher for the Academic Year 2020/21 will be: **Y5EW – Emma Weatherhill**.

If you do have any questions, please contact the school office via email office@spaldingparish.lincs.sch.uk or telephone, we are always more than happy to help.

Kind Regards,

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