



# Spalding Parish Church of England Day School

16<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

## COVID 19 Online/Live Provision

As you may recall from my Term 6 update we have begun to consider the possibility of some online/live communications between Class Teachers and pupils. Following the decision by the Government last week with regards to other Year Groups not returning before September, we feel this would be a real positive step to support those pupils still at home and to start to bridge the gap between home and school.

Since closure, we have been working hard to develop our systems and protocols to allow this to happen safely. We recognise that not all students will be able to access such sessions and Class Teachers will continue to provide fortnightly Learning Projects so all students can progress with the curriculum. Indeed it is our intention that such sessions initially will prioritise reconnection with pupils until a wider reopening is possible.

## Rationale for Live Provision

- 🔥 Pupils can start to reconnect with their teachers and their peers prior to returning to school.
- 🔥 Pupils will get some face to face time with their teacher, which will help teachers to gauge their pupils' social and emotional health, allowing them to provide any additional support where needed.
- 🔥 Live connections can re-motivate pupils and subsequently increase engagement in learning.
- 🔥 It will prepare pupils for transition back into school when the time is right.
- 🔥 Pupils will get some adjustment to their learning and parents will feel supported.
- 🔥 It is an opportunity for teachers to reconnect with where pupils 'are at' in their learning journey.
- 🔥 Where gaps in learning are emerging, it will help teachers to target these gaps and provide and plan for support.
- 🔥 Teachers and Teaching Assistants will have time back in the classroom to adjust to the new health and safety requirements in schools.

This is obviously something new for teachers, pupils and families and we will be guided in our approach by information from the DfE. As parents you will need to decide whether your child participates in such sessions and some links to useful information are included below to support your decision making:

- 🔥 Parent Zone offers a free guide for parents about Zoom <https://parentzone.org.uk/article/zoom-what-it-%E2%80%93-and-it-safe-families> with further information about video conferencing and live streaming;



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🔥 General guidance for parents of primary aged pupils about video chatting  
<https://parentinfo.org/article/video-chatting-a-guide-for-parents-and-carers-of-primary-school-age-children>.

Safeguarding for both teachers and pupils is paramount when considering remote activities, especially for live provision. A risk assessment will be completed before any live provision is undertaken and this will be reviewed following any sessions. There will also be an agreement to be signed by parent, child and school, specifically related to online learning, prior to your child being involved in any such provision. A copy of this document is also attached and is available on the school website for your information.

Prior to any session, and as part of any session, guidance will also be shared with pupils based on the Home School Agreement and also related to expectations that may be expected within the classrooms.

- 🔥 Pupils will be reminded not to share personal information – address, phone number, date of birth.
- 🔥 Pupils will be reminded of rules and behaviour expectations – reference to Home School Agreement.
- 🔥 Pupils will need to become familiar with the technology, and initial sessions will be focused on familiarisation, with a social element whilst building confidence in speaking and interacting online.
- 🔥 Pupils will be reminded who they can tell if they are worried/upset about anything they hear or see.
- 🔥 Pupils will also be let know in advance any resources they need for the session or any preparation.

Similar guidance will also be in place for all staff undertaking sessions with pupils and again these expectations are clearly evident within the Home School Agreement. Sessions will always take place within school time and will be led from school with at least two adults involved in each session.

Once Home School Agreements for live provision are in place, parents will receive information about:

- 🔥 Which school staff will be interacting with their child;
- 🔥 Date and time the sessions will take place for their child;
- 🔥 Any resources needed for the session;
- 🔥 How to raise any concerns with the school;
- 🔥 How to support with technology as far as they are able.

If an individual child is finding participation difficult, the parent and the teacher can agree strategies that might overcome this. For example, if a child feels too self-conscious in front of the camera, they have the option to sit at the side out of shot of the screen or turn the video off.

It is true to say that we have all missed the pupils a great deal and as such we would like to start to undertake some online provision as early as next week. Initially we will be prioritising Year 1 and Year 6 to ensure all pupils in those Year Groups have some contact with their Class Teachers whether they are currently in school or not. If you could please complete the attached Home School Agreement as soon as possible and return it no later than 12 noon on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June to the relevant Year Group email that would be appreciated. If you do need a paper copy to sign, these will be available at the school office. Similarly, if you do have any questions, please use the Year Group emails or [feedback@spaldingparish.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:feedback@spaldingparish.lincs.sch.uk). We all look forward to being in touch in the near future.

Kind Regards,



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