



Spalding Parish Church of England Day School

30th June 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

EYFS Intake September 2020 Further Information

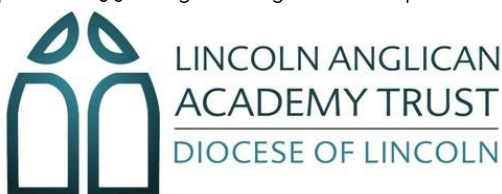
Following my recent letter in April, welcoming you and your child as part of the Spalding Parish community, I am writing to update you with details of our transition arrangements for September 2020. I know a number of you have only recently been offered and accepted places with us, to each of you a very warm welcome to Spalding Parish Church of England Day School. We are really looking forward to meeting and welcoming each and every one of you due to join us for the first time this September, as well as continuing the journey for those families that are already an important part of our school family.

Given the current circumstances we are still awaiting confirmation of final numbers of pupils for September and are still finalising our groupings for the start of the new academic year in line with Government guidance. We have, however, confirmed our staffing for the Foundation Stage for September and a leaflet is enclosed sharing the EYFS team for next year. If you could share this leaflet with your child so they get to know the adults this would be appreciated.

INFORMATION EVENING - Thursday 3rd September at 4.30pm and 5.30pm.

We had hoped to be able to hold our usual information evening during Term 6, however, given the current restrictions as a result of the pandemic, this has simply not been possible. We do still want to give you an opportunity to meet the class teachers and teaching assistants, for you to be able to ask questions and for us to share relevant information. As such we have planned two sessions on **Thursday 3rd September at 4.30pm and 5.30pm**. These sessions will cover a number of different topics including the classroom setup, our curriculum, day-to-day routines and what your child will need. There will also be useful information about how to get help, how your child's needs will be supported and how we work to keep all of our children safe. Whilst we do fully appreciate how important and significant your child starting school for the first time is, we would ask, in order to keep us all as safe as possible that **only one adult from each family attends this meeting and that children do not attend**. This will allow key information to be shared in a timely manner. Further details with regards to these sessions will follow prior to the school closing for the summer break. We are also currently finalising arrangements for September in terms of key days and dates in relation to your child starting at Spalding Parish as we feel it is important that we have the opportunity to meet with you prior to them formally starting. Again, this information will follow in the next couple of weeks.

During the remainder of this term, our staff continue to contact pre-school settings to find out as much information as they can about your child, to help smooth their transition. In addition to this, we normally organise several opportunities to meet children and their parents together, in person, prior to the end of the summer term. This year we are planning a number of sessions for September to ensure that both you and your child have the opportunity to visit the school setting prior to officially starting. We will provide more information about this very soon.



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RETURN OF INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR CHILD

There are a number of documents also included with this letter. The first booklet, 'All About Me', is one we would like you to complete and return to school **by Friday 10th July**, along with a copy of your **child's Birth Certificate**. This will allow us to start getting to know your child and will be shared with EYFS staff. This may mean we contact you to discuss this information further. The partnership between home and school is key, indeed your child starting school is part of a seven year relationship between you, your child and the school. Whilst this does look somewhat different this year, your child and their successful transition to Spalding Parish are of upmost importance. As part of this it is useful to find out as much as possible about your child, you, their family and friends, their likes and dislikes, and how we can support them before they start school. Please share as much information as you can.

The second booklet, 'Pupil Information', includes further information that the office require about you and your child. This includes a number of consent forms that we ask you to complete as part of your child's transition to Spalding Parish. There is also a 'Welcome' booklet that includes information about school such as the uniform that they will need and how and where to obtain specific items, catering arrangements, times of the school day etc.

TRANSITION

During the remainder of this term, our staff continue to contact pre-school settings to find out as much information as they can about your child, to help smooth their transition. In addition to this, we normally organise several opportunities to meet children and their parents together, in person, prior to the end of the summer term. This year we are planning a number of sessions for September to ensure that both you and your child have the opportunity to visit the school setting prior to officially starting. We will provide more information about this very soon.

As yet we don't yet know what restrictions will still be in place in September and all of the plans stated above are subject to the Government guidance at that point. Although our transition will continue into September, we are currently planning for as normal a start as possible with all pupils in school full time by the end of that month, aware that many of our children are used to full days in pre-school settings. However, staff will use the planned transition sessions to answer any questions or concerns that you might have, especially considering the current situation.

We will be in touch in the coming weeks with our plans to support and encourage a happy and smooth transition into EYFS and for children and families to familiarise themselves with the adults who will be working with them. We are also in the process of creating a new section on our website with information that you may need. Despite the current restrictions, we hope that we can still provide all the necessary information that you need and we will do everything we can to ensure a smooth start for your child in September. Should you have any questions that we haven't answered, please do not hesitate to contact the school office, either via telephone or via email and a member of the team will be in touch as soon as possible. Take care, **we look forward to receiving the All About Me booklet, the Pupil Information booklet and your child's Birth Certificate during the next week**, by 10th July, and welcoming you into the Spalding Parish family in the near future.

Kind Regards,



Diane Mulley
Head Teacher