



# Spalding Parish Church of England Day School

16<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

## COVID 19 – Winter Grant Scheme

In order to protect vulnerable households during the pandemic the £170m COVID Winter Grant Scheme has been introduced from early December 2020 to support those most in need across England with the cost of food, energy (heating, cooking, lighting), water bills and other essentials.

The objective of the COVID Winter Grant Scheme is to provide support to vulnerable households and families with children particularly affected by the pandemic throughout the winter period where alternative sources of assistance may be unavailable. The aim is to give vulnerable households peace of mind in the run up to Christmas and over the winter months, by helping those in need to have food on the table and other essentials, so that every child will be warm and well-fed this winter.

As part of the support it is providing, Lincolnshire County Council has chosen to make a contribution to support families with providing food during the Christmas period. A £35 grant has been allocated to schools per eligible free school meal pupil of school age i.e. under 19 as at 31st March 2021. Our Trust has advised that this funding should be made available to families in the form of a voucher and as such parents/carers of all eligible pupils will receive a £35 voucher for Sainsbury's to support with the purchase of food and other essential items over the Christmas period. Vouchers will be distributed at the end of the school day where parents/carers are collecting children from school – you will be asked to sign for your voucher. If children are not collected by an adult, vouchers can be collected from the school office either later today or tomorrow. It is imperative that vouchers are kept safe as once distributed these cannot be reprinted or reissued.

If you do have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to get in touch via [feedback@spaldingparish.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:feedback@spaldingparish.lincs.sch.uk) or by ringing the school office on 01775 722333. The office will be manned until 4pm today and from 8.30am to 4pm tomorrow at which point we will close for the Christmas break. Thank you for your continued support during this challenging period. Enjoy the festive period and we look forward to welcoming you all back to school on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

Kind Regards,

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