



Spalding Parish Church of England Day School

9th March 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back and well done...

Well what an absolutely amazing day! It has been absolutely fantastic to be all back in school together again, finally, after what seems like forever. Whilst we have been able to see the pupils online each day during January and February, I'm sure you will agree it's not quite the same and the whole staff team and I have really looked forward to welcoming back our children and families so they can now continue their learning journeys face to face. It was so lovely to wave from classroom doors this morning and see so many smiling and happy faces back where they belong.

We know the last two months will not have been easy. The way of learning for pupils has been very different and yet throughout they have shown such incredible resilience and adaptability, supported by you at home. This is very much appreciated – thank you very much for all you have done to support your children during this period. I am incredibly proud of all of the children and all they have achieved during the time they have not been in school, but am also very appreciative of our parent body for their ongoing support.

It was lovely to see our families on the playground this morning as we welcomed pupils back to school. As I said in my letter last week there have actually been very few changes to the current lockdown situation other than pupils returning to school. The current guidance in terms of social distancing remains so if I could please ask you to follow the guidance below at the beginning and end of the school day.

1) Drop your child off and collect your child at the allocated time slot for your child's surname – Please do not come onto the school site prior to your child's drop off time – there is a five minute window in place to support dropping off and exit from site in a timely manner.

Surname Beginning With...	Access Site/Drop Off Time	Access Site/Collection Time
A-E	8.35am	3.05pm
F-K	8.40am	3.10pm
L-R	8.45am	3.15pm
S-Z	8.50am	3.20pm

Please do not be offended if staff members ask you to wait if you do try to drop off early, the timescales have been put in place for a reason and must be adhered to.

2) Social distance at all times both when on the school site and when waiting to access the school site – there can be a build up at gate opening times, again arriving at your allocated time slot will support with this. Please stay at least 2m away from anyone not part of your household, wear a face mask to reduce transmission of the virus and leave the site straight away once you have dropped off your child. It is imperative that all members of the school community follow the social distancing guidance and leave the school site promptly following drop off or collection.

3) Please be aware of other families when accessing and leaving the school site and whilst waiting to access and leave the school site – please be courteous to other families, keeping your distance, allowing them to pass etc. You will be aware that the school is a no smoking site and I would ask, given the current circumstances, that you move well away from the school site before smoking.

It is imperative as we return to school that all members of the school community play their part in ensuring the safety of all by adhering to the current guidance that is in place at any point in time. Whilst schools are reopening from the 8th March much of the guidance in place throughout the current lockdown remains in place and this should be followed by all families at all times. Currently you can only leave your home to shop for basic necessities, go to work if you cannot reasonably do so from home, exercise with your household or one other person (in which case you should stay 2m apart), seek medical assistance or avoid injury, illness or risk of harm or to attend education or childcare. From today you can spend time in outdoor public spaces on your own, with your household or with one other person. This means you can sit down for a drink or picnic but you must continue to maintain social distance from those outside your household. There are no other changes at this point with the overarching theme remaining 'Stay at Home'. Visits to your home, be it indoor or outdoor, play dates, birthday parties, even for haircuts etc. are not allowed. A very useful document sharing the current plans for coming out of lockdown can be found through at following link https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/96501/COVID-19_Response_-_Spring_2021_Summary_-_Easy_Read_.pdf. This will also be shared with pupils.

It is absolutely imperative that you ensure that if anyone in your household has COVID-19 symptoms, your child does NOT attend school. Any child or staff member who develops symptoms in the school day will be sent home immediately. Similarly if anyone in your household, or your child, tests positive for COVID-19 you MUST inform the school as soon as possible. Please use feedback@spaldingparish.lincs.sch.uk as this is monitored 7 days a week.

I can never say it enough, but thank you to all of our families, it has been a difficult couple of months, yet together as a school community, we have demonstrated enormous resilience and love. We feel privileged to be a part of such a wonderful school community and it is so good to be back together once more. If you have any questions at all, do not hesitate to contact the school and we shall endeavour to answer them for you.

Kind Regards,
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