



# Spalding Parish Church of England Day School

21<sup>st</sup> June 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

## Term 6 Update

As we head into the third week of Term 6 I'm sure you will agree that the year is certainly flying by. With the end of the year very nearly upon us I feel it important to write with a number of updates regarding the rest of the academic year.

A huge thank you to all of our parents for continuing to follow the social distancing guidance at the start and end of the day, it is very much appreciated. Whilst we are beginning to see a gradual release from the recent restrictions, it is clear that there are still cases locally and as such we all still need to remain vigilant to ensure the safety of all. The current DfE guidance advises that schools still maintain the stringent control measures we have had in place over the course of the year. As such our current risk assessment remains in place and we would ask parents/carers accessing the school site to continue to follow the current guidance. This is particularly important in relation to social distancing – if you could ensure that only one family member drops or collects each day and ensure you remain at least 2 metres away from anyone not in your household. We have had a bubble close today in FS2 so it is imperative that we all continue to adhere to the guidance in place. This will hopefully mean we can get to the end of the academic year without any further bubble closures. Thank you for your continued support.

Please do not send your child to school if they are displaying any of the following symptoms:

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

- ✓ New continuous cough and/or
- ✓ High temperature and/or
- ✓ A loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

Children should also not be in school if a member of the household is displaying any of the above symptoms and guidance re self-isolation should be followed. Similarly, if your child, or a member of the household, has been tested for COVID 19, they should not be in school until either the self-isolation period has been completed or you receive confirmation of a negative test result. School should be informed via [feedback@spaldingparish.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:feedback@spaldingparish.lincs.sch.uk) with this email address monitored at all times.



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If your child does develop symptoms, you can seek advice from the NHS.UK website at:  
<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms/>.

If you are concerned about your child's symptoms, or they are worsening you can seek advice from NHS 111 at <https://111.nhs.uk/> or by phoning 111. **You must also stay at home and not go out for any reason if you are told to self-isolate be it by the school or Track and Trace.**

### How to stop COVID-19 spreading

There are things you can do to help reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with getting ill with COVID-19.

Do:

- ✓ Wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds
- ✓ Use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- ✓ Wash your hands as soon as you get home
- ✓ Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- ✓ Put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards

You will no doubt be aware, following the Government announcements last week, that current restrictions remain in place until 19<sup>th</sup> July at the earliest given the prominence of the Delta variant and the increase in cases nationally. This updated guidance and the prevalence of cases locally has also meant that we have, again, needed to revisit our plans for the end of the year. Our Sports Days for Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 are scheduled for this week and will go ahead as planned – weather permitting. This year, parents/carers will not be able to attend, in line with the current guidance. I do appreciate this is disappointing, particularly as many parents, carers and pupils look forward to this annual event however, with the current guidance in place it is a necessary compromise. Pupils will take part in a range of sports activities as part of their 'Sports Day' with sessions planned for Year Groups and activities undertaken in class bubbles. Again, this is in line with our current risk assessment. EYFS pupils will undertake their Sports Day in the coming weeks.

There has clearly been a change in the weather this week, from glorious sunshine at the beginning of the week to cooler temperatures and rain at the end of the week. We are all hopeful that the summer weather will be back with us sooner rather than later but given the fact that the weather does seem to change not only daily but within each day, please ensure your child is equipped for the weather when bringing them to school each day. A hat and a drink is essential at this time of the year but please remember to send a coat or waterproof just in case the weather changes over the course of the day.

It is also important, given the time of year and summer weather, that children are appropriately dressed for school. Whilst we have relaxed our uniform policy for this academic year to allow pupils to wear tracksuit or jogging bottoms or sports shorts on PE days, the normal policy does apply for T shirts – white or purple polo shirts or purple school PE T shirt and sweatshirts – purple jumper or cardigan. This also ensures that pupils are appropriately dressed, whatever the weather. School shoes or trainers – on PE days – should be worn to ensure that footwear is appropriate whatever the activity planned. It is likely that the children will be outdoors more than normal and this will ensure they are equipped for this. Thank you for your continued support with this – it is very much appreciated.



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As you will know, ensuring the safety and wellbeing of all members of the school community is key to all at Spalding Parish. With this in mind if I could reiterate guidance in relation to the school site to ensure we are all playing our part in keeping everyone safe.

As I'm sure you will all know the whole of the Spalding Parish site – both inside and outside – is a no smoking site. This includes e-cigarettes as per the Smoke Free Environment Act 2020. Recently we have had a concern raised about a parent using an e-cigarettes whilst on the school site. This is not allowed given the fact we are a no smoking site and we would ask that all parents adhere to this guidance and refrain from smoking until well away from the site. As a school we may seek further advice/guidance should this concern reoccur.

If I could also ask that when dropping and collecting pupils from school you keep them with you until they come into school in a morning and one you have collected in an afternoon. Recently we have had pupils gathering by the kitchen and offices at the end of the school day, running up and down on the path near the car park. With the car parks constantly in use, pupils should not be unsupervised in these areas, even for a matter of seconds. If I could again ask for your support in this matter please to ensure the safety of all.

Finally, as you will no doubt know, our Trust (Lincoln Academies Academy Trust) has been canvassing pupil views for schools in the Trust with a survey link sent out via Wisepay. Earlier in the academic year this was undertaken for pupils in EYFS and Key Stage 1 and more recently this has been sent out for pupils in Key Stage 2. The intention is that the survey is completed by your child so it is their voice that is heard, with your support if this is required. Recently we have received some feedback from the Trust with regards to the EYFS and Key Stage 1 surveys and I would like to say a huge thank you to all families that took the time to complete the survey – only with your feedback can we continue to improve our provision and offer to pupils. If your child is in Key Stage 2 (Year 3, 4, 5 and 6) and they have not yet had chance to complete the survey please do so asap via the link below. It should take less than 5 minutes and is greatly appreciated – <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/PupilSurveyKS2-3-2021>. Findings will be shared later in the year. A link to our annual parental questionnaire will also be sent out in the next week or so and again we would appreciate you taking the time to complete as part of our annual review of school practices.

As always if you do have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch via the [feedback@spaldingparish.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:feedback@spaldingparish.lincs.sch.uk) email address. This is monitored at all times, including over a weekend and as such does allow us to respond promptly to any concerns raised. Thank you for your continued support.

Kind Regards,



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