



Spalding Parish Church of England Day School

'And by that will, we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.'

Hebrews 10:10

28th May 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

End of Term 5

As we head into the term break prior to the final term of the academic year it is clear the year is certainly flying by. I hope you all are able to enjoy a restful break, are able to enjoy some usual holiday activities given the recent removal of restrictions and take the opportunity to spend some quality time with your families.

Thank you to all who attended the recent Parent Consultation Meetings, I hope you found them both informative and useful. Whilst the format was different to our usual format, we have received positive feedback on the whole. Please do let us know if there is any feedback you would like to share re your experience, all feedback is welcomed to ensure we can further develop our partnership. It is clear through our regular monitoring of teaching and learning that all of our children have been working really hard despite the circumstances they have faced this academic year. This is also evident in the progress within all Year Groups and we hope this continues into Term 6.

Within Term 6 we will be sharing our usual Pupil Reports showing the pupils' achievements over the course of the academic year. We will also be undertaking our annual parent questionnaire, this year via Microsoft Forms which has a built-in translation facility, and would really appreciate your feedback. Further details will follow during Term 6.

COVID-19

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 is still to remain cautious with the release of safety measures currently in place within schools and as such we will continue with our current guidance into Term 6. Once we return after the term break please do not send your child to school if they are displaying any of the following symptoms:



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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.

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

Reporting a Positive Case during the Term Break

As always a huge thank you to all of you for your continued support throughout the current pandemic. Your support in adhering to the guidance in place has been and will continue to be essential for us to be able to continue to keep the school safe and open in such challenging times.

As you will be aware it may still be the case that members of the school community do test positive for COVID 19 during the closure period. Please can I ask you to read the details below and store this letter in case you need it during the holiday period. Where pupils have tested positive for COVID 19 and developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school, schools have been asked to assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as the child may have been infectious whilst in school. The Trust are always notified of a positive case and, as such, will be the first port of call for reporting a positive case during the holiday period.

Should you need to report a positive case from Saturday 29th May to Monday 31st May, please email lauralowe@laat.co.uk. Should you need to report a positive case from Tuesday 1st June onwards, please email administration@laat.co.uk. The following information needs to be included in your email.

Child's Full Name:

Date of Birth:

School and Class:

Date of positive test result:

Date they developed symptoms (where relevant):



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Positive cases should be reported in line with the table below. Please note negative cases do not need to be and should not be reported.

1 Identify Date Symptoms Began or Date of PCR Test – go to column 2	2 Was child in school on the date identified below, if yes, go to column 3 and undertake identified action	3 Action to be undertaken
Monday 31 st May onwards	No further information required – this is beyond the school’s Track and trace window.	
Sunday 30 th May	Friday 28 th May	Please email lauralowe@laat.co.uk to notify positive case including the following key information: Child’s Full Name: Date of Birth: School and Class: Date of positive test result: Date they developed symptoms (where relevant):
Saturday 29 th May	Thursday 27 th or Friday 29 th May	
Friday 28 th May	Wednesday 26 th or Thursday 27 th May	
Thursday 27 th May	Tuesday 25 th May or Wednesday 26 th May	

Please do not phone the school as phone lines will not be monitored.

Where a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms more than 48 hours since being in school, so from 31st May onwards as per the table above, the school or Trust should not be contacted. However, parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.

To reassure parents the above email address will be monitored throughout the term break and we will take action if we are advised of a positive test in the school community. We will continue to use Wisepay to inform parents of any updates that may affect them over this period of time

Online Safety

Our work around e-Safety and particularly social media continued during Term 5, following our whole school support of Internet Safety Day earlier in the academic year. As part of this work Year 6 undertook some workshops about online safety earlier this week with Dan Hawbrook from the Local Authority. Whilst we continue to develop the use of technology following the recent restricted provision and the shift to blended learning, we will continue to promote online safety so we can ensure the pupils know how to keep themselves safe in all scenarios.

May I also take this opportunity to remind everyone that, as a school, we continue to work hard to teach the children how to use social media both responsibly and respectfully. Your support in demonstrating this to your child is greatly appreciated. Should you have any concerns please do not hesitate to come in to school to discuss them.

Parking

Please remember to park courteously for the safety of all our community whilst respecting our neighbours. Please park legally allowing the safe use of the road and pavements for all. Do not park on the public footpath as it makes it dangerous with the numbers of people using them. If you are just dropping your child off, please park up and ensure their safe exit from the vehicle on to the pavement.



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Children should then be able to walk safely into school. The closer to school you get the more congested it is so if you are able to park further away or even walk all the way to and from school this would be appreciated, particularly given the promise of improved weather ahead. We have had a number of complaints from local neighbours in recent weeks where driveways were blocked as a result of parking. We are all a community and it is important that we work together for the benefit of all. If you could please bear our neighbours in mind when parking, this would be very much appreciated.

Sun Safety

As we have seen the arrival of the sunshine and warmer weather towards the end of Term 5, could we please ask that you send your child into school prepared for the weather. If you could please ensure your child has a hat to keep the sun off their head during the times of the day when they are outside and a drinks bottle in school each day filled with fresh water to ensure your child stays hydrated in the warmer weather.

And finally, let's pause for thought...

Imagine there is a bank account that credits your account each morning with £86,400. It carries over no balance from day to day. Every evening the bank deletes whatever part of the balance you failed to use during the day. What would you do? Draw out every penny, of course? Each of us has such a bank. Its name is TIME.

Every morning, it credits you with 86,400 seconds. Every night it writes off as lost, whatever of this you have failed to invest to a good purpose. It carries over no balance. It allows no overdraft. Each day it opens a new account for you. Each night it burns the remains of the day. If you fail to use the day's deposits, the loss is yours. There is no drawing against "tomorrow." You must live in the present on today's deposits. Invest it so as to get from it the utmost in health, happiness and success! Make the most of today.

To realise the value of:

ONE YEAR, ask a student who had to re-sit an exam.

ONE MONTH, ask a football manager before the end of the season.

ONE WEEK, ask the leaders of political parties in the run-up to the election.

ONE HOUR, ask parents waiting to meet their child after their first day at school.

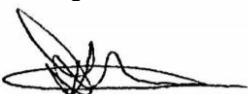
ONE MINUTE, ask anybody who has just missed a train.

ONE SECOND, ask someone who just avoided an accident.

ONE MILLISECOND, ask the person who won a silver medal at the Olympics.

Treasure every moment you have! Treasure it more when you share it with someone special. Yesterday is history. Tomorrow is a mystery. Today is a gift. That's why it's called the present. As we head into Term 6 I hope all our pupils make the most of the time and opportunities given to them.

Kind Regards,



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