



Spalding Parish Church of England Day School

1st December 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

COVID Update – December 2020

As you will no doubt be aware the second national lockdown is coming to an end. However Lincolnshire is now entering Tier 3 with cases in the county amongst the highest in the country currently. As we move into Tier 3 we all need to continue to play our part in following the guidance put in place both by the Government and by school to ensure the safety of all. Here at SPCEDS we continue to do everything we can to make the school COVID secure and as such we have effective safety and hygiene measures in place. As parents and carers of our school community, we would ask that you do the same, particularly given the fact that an increasing number of the cases now being confirmed are asymptomatic with people therefore unaware that they are carrying and potentially spreading the illness.

Schools are continuing to stay open so pupils can continue their learning journeys, both academically but also socially. In order that we all stay safe and healthy we all need to pull together to do everything we can, including following all of the Tier 3 guidance. In recent days we have had some concerns raised regarding families not following the guidance in relation to the national lockdown including family visits and playdates. We have also seen an increase in parents/carers arriving on site outside of their time slot and staying and chatting to other parents. Whilst we fully appreciate it is a challenge not being able to see families or friends, or do all the things we normally do, indeed this is a challenge faced by us all, it is essential that we all play our part to ensure the safety and wellbeing of the whole school community. Every individual not following the Tier 3 guidance puts themselves, their families and the rest of the community at risk, particularly given the current prevalence of asymptomatic cases. You may feel absolutely fine and have no symptoms, however by staying on site and chatting to other parents you could unintentionally spread the virus.

In order to keep the whole school community safe it is imperative that we all continue to follow the school guidance at all times.

1) **Drop your child off and collect your child at the allocated time slot for your child's surname** – please do not be offended if staff members ask you to wait if you do try to drop off early, the time scales have been put in place for a reason.

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 for your allocated time slot will support with this. Please leave the site promptly once you have dropped off your child.



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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 whilst we cannot police this on public paths I would ask, given the current circumstances, that you move well away from the school site before smoking. We have also had recent incidences of falling out between families. The school playground and entrances/exits to the school site are not the appropriate places for this and it is certainly not appropriate for pupils to be witnessing this. Whilst we do appreciate this is a challenging time for all, verbal and physical aggression will not be tolerated and may lead to a ban from the school site. Please speak to a member of SLT on duty if you do need any support whilst on the site.

Similarly it is imperative to ensure the safety of the whole school community, that the Tier 3 is also followed. In Tier 3:

- You must not meet socially indoors or in most outdoor places with anybody you do not live with, or who is not in your support bubble, this includes in any private garden or at most outdoor venues;
- You must not socialise in a group of more than 6 in some other outdoor public spaces, including parks, beaches, countryside accessible to the public, a public garden, grounds of a heritage site or castle, or a sports facility – this is called the 'rule of 6';
- There should be no public attendance at spectator sport or indoor performances and large business events should not be taking place;
- Places of worship remain open, but you must not attend with or socialise with anyone outside of your household or support bubble while you are there, unless a legal exemption applies
- Organised indoor sport, physical activity and exercise classes cannot take place indoors. There are exceptions for indoor disability sport, sport for educational purposes and supervised sport and physical activity for under-18s;
- Avoid travelling to other parts of the UK, including for overnight stays other than where necessary, such as for work, education, youth services, to receive medical treatment, or because of caring responsibilities. You can travel through other areas as part of a longer journey;
- For international travel see the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office [travel advice](#) for your destination and the [travel corridors list](#).

At Spalding Parish CE Day School, we care deeply for all the children, staff and families. We are united in our drive to keep everyone safe and healthy and would only ask that you support us with this by following the Tier 3 rules without exception and taking on board the advice in place when on the school grounds by social distancing, wearing a mask and leaving the site promptly. Whilst it is easy to think it will not impact our own families directly, it can – many of us within school know families impacted by COVID – and as such we all need to act, we are all in this together. If we work together as a team to stay safe, the more positive the outcomes will be for us all and will hopefully mean a quicker return to normality. Please take care of yourselves, your families and each other. Thank you for your continued support in this challenging time. If you do have any questions, please get in touch.

Kind Regards,

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