



# Spalding Parish Church of England Day School

7<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

## Remote Learning – January 2021

Following the announcement on Monday evening from the Prime Minister regarding a further National lockdown and schools moving to remote provision with the exception of critical worker pupils, I felt it important to write to you all with details of our offer. During the academic year so far we have continued to develop our ICT infrastructure and resources to ensure we are in a position to deliver learning remotely. We have also undertaken training as a staff team so that we were prepared to switch to remote learning should this become necessary, as it now has. We have developed our home learning for this lockdown to include daily teaching for all Year Groups via Teams which pupils in school and pupils at home will attend, ensuring all have access to the same curriculum. We are obviously aware that many families will be sharing access to a device and currently we have received no support from the Government with regards to this and the supply of any devices. As such, timings for these sessions are as follows and will include a teaching input prior to an independent learning activity:

Year 6:	8.55am	11.10am	1.30pm
Year 5:	9.10am	11.30am	1.50pm
Year 4:	9.30am	11.50am	2.10pm
Year 3:	9.50am	12.10pm	2.30pm
Year 2:	10.10am	12.30pm	2.50pm
Year 1:	10.30am	12.50pm	3.10pm
FS2:	10.50am	1.10pm	3.30pm

A timetable of activities will be shared weekly via Microsoft Teams which will include the subjects/focus of learning each day, the activities to be undertaken and associated links to complimentary resources etc. Further activities and assignments will also be shared via Microsoft Teams and class teachers will then be responding to and giving feedback on submitted work. We aim to continue to build the connection between school and home, reducing the risk of the children losing what they have already learnt.

However, here are a few things to bear in mind...

- 1) As always, the first and most important outcome of this situation is that we all survive (physically and mentally) this pandemic!
- 2) Most of the children were making really good progress following the last lockdown as I'm sure they will continue to do so when we return to school.
- 3) Academic attainment is only one aspect of child development.



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As a school we acknowledge that this period will not necessarily be easy with different families facing different challenges. Our remote learning offer is there to support you and help your child to learn whilst pupils are learning from home. There may be times you cannot log on to the live sessions, or you can't support due to work obligations if working from home. Please do not worry, from next week we hope to record the live sessions so these can be accessed at a point that is convenient with you. We will also continue to share resources that may also help and support.



Also, there may be times when you experience problems with the technology so if you log on and you are not admitted or there is a sound or video problem etc. then please just log off, have a look at the time table and go for it. Do not stress, no need to ring the school or email, just breathe and do what you think is right for your child and have a go at the daily work or an alternative. Your children will be okay, even if at some point they don't understand or you explain something incorrectly, it will not affect them for ever. We need the children back with us, with well parents, when we get out of this situation. When we are all back together again physically, we will work with your children to continue their learning from whatever point they might be at. Educationally, we will together to make it okay in the end. Try to read together each day, undertake as many of the planned assignments as you can and ensure you undertake some form of exercise at least a couple of times a week. The following websites might also be useful to support with reading:

<https://stories.audible.com/start-listen> – Range of stories including stories in other languages

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/audio-stories/zh3t2sg> – Audio stories on a range of topics

<https://www.storyberries.com/> – Stories and poems for children

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/have-some-fun/> – Online books and quizzes

<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/reading/free-ebooks/> – Library of books to help develop reading at home

Next week's timetables will be on Microsoft Teams by Monday morning. Please have a read through and familiarise yourself with the activities that have been set for each week. For our FS2 pupils, the team will be using Evidence Me rather than Teams for their provision and the FS2 team will liaise with parents with regards to this. If you do need any support please do not hesitate to get in touch via the Year Group emails ([FS2@spaldingparish.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:FS2@spaldingparish.lincs.sch.uk) replacing FS2@ with Y1@ etc depending on your child's year group). We will also be in touch with your child, via Microsoft Teams, and with you, via email or phone, to maintain communication and connection between home and school and to ensure that we can work together to best support your child at this challenging time.

Finally our current model for supporting home learning is new for all of us. We know we will continue to refine our offer over the coming days and weeks however, it would also be useful to receive feedback from you, as parents, and how this model is working in practice at home. If you could send any feedback to [feedback@spaldingparish.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:feedback@spaldingparish.lincs.sch.uk) that would be appreciated. I thank you for your understanding and patience and for your continued support. Remember, we are here to help if you need us, please just get in touch. In the meantime, take care and we will see you all soon.

Kind Regards,  
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