



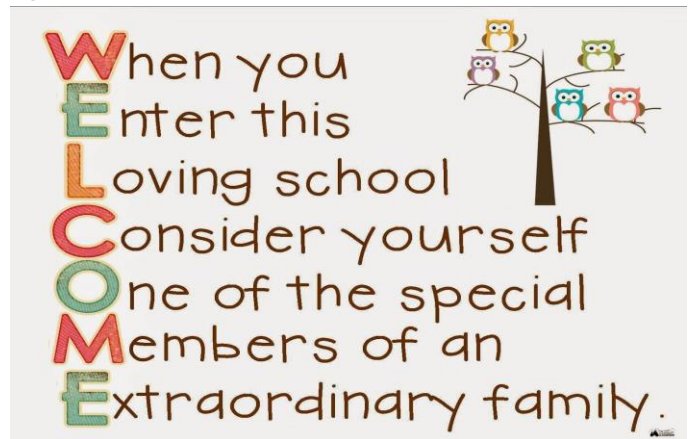
# Spalding Parish Church of England Day School

6<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

## Start of Term 1 – A Very Warm Welcome Back!

I hope that you and your loved ones have kept safe and well over the summer holidays and you have been able to make the most of a slightly different pace of life for the past few weeks. So much has changed since we were last together in school so I thought I would take the chance to touch base and reassure you of our approach to ensuring that you, your loved ones and the entire Spalding Parish community are kept as safe as possible on our return to school.



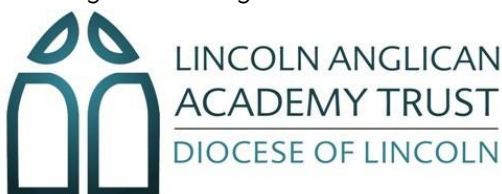
All of the team at SPCEDS have been busy training and preparing during the break and, in particular, over the last couple of days to make sure that everything is in place for a fantastic year. Everyone is very excited and looking forward to welcoming you all back into school and working together as a community, striving for excellence, to ensure all achieve their highest potential.

### COVID-19: new guidance:

From September, we will implement the new Department for Education (DfE) guidance for schools. The DfE no longer recommends that it is necessary to group children into bubbles so mixing across age groups will be allowed. We will continue to use Microsoft Teams to provide learning resources and remote education for any child who tests positive and therefore needs to self-isolate.

The following safety measures will be in place:

- Children should not come to school if they have any of the three main coronavirus symptoms (high temperature, new continuous cough, a loss or change to sense of smell or taste) or if they have tested positive via an LFD or PCR test (please follow advice provided by NHS Test and Trace). Staff will continue to be vigilant re symptoms in school and will speak to parents re any concerns.
- Children and staff will continue to clean their hands thoroughly and often.
- Staff will continue to encourage good hygiene at all times.
- Stringent cleaning will continue to take place in school.



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- Classrooms will be well ventilated.
- Asymptomatic testing for staff (LFD tests) will continue to take place twice a week (this will be reviewed at the end of September).
- Children attend school wearing their PE Kit on their designated PE days to avoid having to change.

For more information about the new guidance, please visit the 'Coronavirus: Latest Updates' page of our school website to see the latest risk assessment and links to Government Guidance.

### Arrangements for drop off and collection

During Term 1 the staggered start for pupils will continue and we would ask that you enter the school site during your child's allocated time. Gates will open at 8.30am each morning and at 3.00pm each afternoon and entry/exit to classrooms will be via the classroom doors onto the playground.

Child's Surname	Drop off in morning no earlier than the times below	Collection at end of day
A → E (inclusive)	8.35am	3.05pm
F → K (inclusive)	8.40am	3.10pm
L → R (inclusive)	8.45am	3.15pm
S → Z (inclusive)	8.50am	3.20pm

### Break times and Lunch times

Although the children no longer need to be within their bubbles, we are going to continue with our staggered break times and lunch times during this academic year, as with fewer pupils on the playground this gives more space for pupils to play. Break times will be 10.20am and 10.40am whilst lunch times will run between 12.00pm and 1.30pm including time to eat and time to play (FS2, KS1, Y3, Y5 12.00pm-1.00pm and Y4 and Y6 12.30pm-1.30pm).

### Parish Pioneers

In line with the current Government guidance, Parish Pioneers, our before and after school provision, is returning to their normal location from September 6<sup>th</sup>. Whilst this provision was restricted during the previous academic year, this will be open to pupils in Year 1 to Year 6 from today and to all Year Groups with effect from Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September (once FS2 pupils are in school full time). If you are interested in your child accessing a place please get in touch via [enquiries@spaldingparish.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@spaldingparish.lincs.sch.uk).

### Uniform

We look forward to welcoming pupils back to school, looking extremely smart, in their uniforms, however we have made the decision that pupils can still wear PE kit for identified PE days. This does need to be school PE kit as per school policy. PE days will be confirmed by Year Groups via Microsoft Teams during the first week. Please do make sure uniform is named as this will mean it can be easily returned if mislaid. If you do have any queries regarding uniform, please get in touch.

### Attendance

We cannot stress enough the importance of excellent attendance alongside punctuality, as it can impact so much the achievement and progress over the course of a school year. If a child is late into school they may miss key teaching at the start of lessons which can also unsettle them for the rest of the day. Where attendance levels are a concern this can also influence the progress children make.



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We will continue to monitor attendance rigorously over the course of the school year and ask for your support in ensuring pupils attend regularly and on time. This will ensure that they do not miss any vital learning and supports your child in ensuring they reach their potential. If your child is unwell and therefore cannot attend school please keep us informed via [absence@spaldingparish.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:absence@spaldingparish.lincs.sch.uk).

### Revised Curriculum

Over the course of the last academic year we have been working hard to review our curriculum and, as such, pupils will be engaging in an exciting new curriculum during this academic year. The new EYFS framework is also being introduced this year for pupils in the Foundation Stage. We hope to share more around the new curriculum in the coming weeks so please watch out for updates.

### Keeping Us Informed

There have obviously been a number of changes in school since we finished in July and know that there are likely to be changes within families too. If anything has changed, you've moved house, changed your mobile number, your child has been diagnosed with a condition or an allergy etc., please let us know as soon as possible so that we can ensure the information we hold for your child is current and up to date. We have carried over permissions for 'Walking to and from School' from the previous academic year, however, if this has changed, please get in touch.

Whilst the removal of restrictions does mean parents can come and speak at the office, we are still encouraging communication face to face with staff/SLT on the playground in a morning/afternoon or via email or telephone in the first instance. Please also feel free to discuss any questions, concerns or queries about your child with their class adults, they will be more than happy to help.

### And Finally...

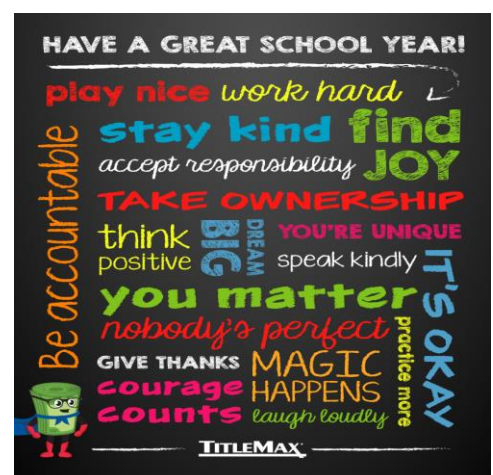
I am feeling very positive about the forthcoming academic year and I look forward to working alongside you to provide our children with a year of enjoyable, high quality education where they – and you – are able to succeed and achieve and reach their potential. I will write to you again once the term is underway with more news and information but in the meantime, keep an eye on Twitter, our weekly bulletin 'Parish Post' and the school website for pictures, information and updates from your child's class.

As always if you have any questions please don't hesitate to get in touch. Members of the Senior Leadership Team are on the playground at the beginning and end of the day and also have time allocated over the course of a week to respond to any queries. I would much rather you get in touch than worry about something unnecessarily – as they say 'A problem shared is a problem halved'. You can either contact the school office or via [feedback@spaldingparish.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:feedback@spaldingparish.lincs.sch.uk).

Kind Regards,



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