



Spalding Parish Church of England Day School

7th September 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

Return to School and COVID Update

A huge welcome back to the new academic year! It has been wonderful to see all our families again and to welcome the pupils back into school following the summer break ready for hopefully a very productive year ahead.

If you do have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the office or your child's Class Teacher via the Year Group emails. Currently we are advising that parents/carers only come to the school reception if unavoidable, so I would ask that if you can contact us by email or by telephone that you please do so.

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Thank you to all of you for your assistance in getting the pupils back to school safely, supporting with our staggered timings at the beginning and the end of the day, social distancing both on the school site and whilst waiting to access the school site and for reducing your direct contact with both school staff and the school office. In order to keep the whole school community safe it is imperative that we all continue to follow this 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.



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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.

This will reduce the risk for families, which will mean we do not have to implement further safety and control measures, such as an additional stagger and will hopefully that we can ensure that the school is able to remain open. Members of the leadership team are on the school gates both morning and night, if you do have any concerns or queries regards to safety on or around the school site, please speak to one of us.

Thank you also to those families who have been adhering to the guidance with regards to if your child or a member of your household is suffering from any of the following symptoms - a new and persistent cough or a high temperature, or a loss of or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell. The Government have produced very clear guidance for schools that we have to adhere to in order to ensure the safety and health of all (please see link to document below).

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools>

The following extract, from the guidance, explains the procedure schools need to follow should a child or member of staff display any of the identified symptoms and will be the information we abide by.

If anyone in the school becomes unwell with a new and persistent cough or a high temperature, or has a loss of or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia), they must be sent home and advised to follow [guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](#), which sets out that they should self-isolate for at least 10 days and should [arrange to have a test](#) to see if they have coronavirus (COVID-19).

If they have tested positive whilst not experiencing symptoms but develop symptoms during the isolation period, they should restart the 10-day isolation period from the day they develop symptoms. Other members of their household (including any siblings) should self-isolate for 14 days from when the symptomatic person first had symptoms.

If your child does display any of the symptoms, I would ask that you please support us by following the guidance. Your child will need to quarantine for 10 days and the household for 14 days. Should your child be tested as a result of being symptomatic and receive a negative test result, they will then be able to return to school. I am aware of some families receiving conflicting guidance however, as a school, it is the Government guidance that we need to adhere to. Thank you for support with this and for ensuring the continued safety of the whole school community.

Thank you in anticipation. If you do have any questions please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Kind Regards,

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