



# Spalding Parish Church of England Day School

***'Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people...'*** Galatians 6:10

9<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

## **From 2022 to 2023 and beyond**

Well Term 2 was certainly another very busy term, culminating in our Christmas celebrations. It was an absolute honour to be part of the children's performances, both in FS2 and Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2, as we celebrated the true meaning of Christmas. I continue to be exceptionally proud of all of the children here at Spalding Parish and not least during these performances given the way they performed their parts beautifully, singing, dancing and speaking. They never cease to amaze me with their talents and I do feel very proud and extremely lucky to be part of their educational journeys.

Thank you once again to all the children and staff for their hard work in ensuring the performances went well. I would also like to say a very special thank you to you all for coming and supporting us providing the children with an audience. With your support we have managed to raise over £1000 for our chosen Christmas charities, which I'm sure you will agree is a fantastic amount of money. A huge thank you to all who donated, it is very much appreciated. May I also take this opportunity to wish all of the Spalding Parish family health, happiness and prosperity in the new year that lies ahead. I hope all our pupils embrace this time and go forward with faith, hope and courage.

## **Car 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 so they can then 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.



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## Change of Weather

The weather is turning ever colder now as we now firmly experience the coldness of winter. We are still having instances of children coming into school without a suitable coat or appropriate PE kit for outdoor PE. Please could we ask that you ensure that your child has these warmer items so they can participate in all school activities.

## E-Safety

At this time of year, when electronic items and new technology are likely to be a popular gift, I would ask you to reflect again on the safe use of the internet. During Terms 3 and 4, as part of our continuous education about children keeping themselves safe; we will be undertaking further work on e-Safety. If you would like to keep your child safe online do not hesitate to speak with Emma Potts, our Computing Lead.

You can also access information via our website by clicking on the Learning tab and then clicking on the hyperlink: Staying Safe.

## Hot Lunches

Our new menus for Term 3 are now available – all the usual favourites. Please remember to book meals by midnight on a Tuesday night for the following week using Parent Pay.

## Illness

Should your child be unwell and be suffering from symptoms of sickness and diarrhoea please do not send them back to school until 48 hours after their last bout. Any sickness or diarrhoea should be dealt with in this way following the guidance from the NHS and will ensure the spreading of these conditions is reduced. Thank you for your support in this matter.

## Information and Guidance from the Lincolnshire Education Team

During the Christmas break, we received an email from the Lincolnshire Health Protection Team following a recent increase in respiratory illnesses such as colds, flu, Covid-19, and RSV (Respiratory Syncytial Virus). They have asked us to share the attached letter with parents and carers on their behalf in the hope that this will support reducing the spread of winter illnesses this term.

With this in mind we would also like to share with you some of the practical steps we will be undertaking within the school setting during this period to help reduce the spread of infection:

- Promoting good hand hygiene throughout the school;
- Ensure appropriate PPE is available where applicable;
- Increasing cleaning in busy areas and objects and surfaces that are touched regularly, using standard cleaning products;
- Remaining vigilant to signs and symptoms of illness in staff, pupils, and visitors. Any person who has a fever should refrain from attending the school until it resolves;
- Promoting good respiratory practice, e.g. by increasing ventilation where possible;
- If someone becomes unwell whilst in school, they will be sent home.

## Starting School in September 2023?

Applications for a place for any child due to start school in September 2023 are now open via the Lincolnshire County Council website. You can apply by clicking the following link - [Click Here](#). Applications can be made between 14<sup>th</sup> November 2022 to 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023. If you already have a child in school, you still need to register their sibling in this way as although you will be allocated a place in line with the admissions criteria, their application must go through the official channels.

We are aware that choosing a school for your child is one of the biggest decisions that you can make as a parent and we want to ensure that every answer to a question/query is given and every opportunity to explore the school is exercised. Should you still wish to visit, there is plenty of time before the application round closes and we ask that you contact the school office to make an appointment.

## Start and End of Day Routines


A huge thank you to all of our parent body for ensuring their children are in school on time and ready to learn following recent pleas, it is very much appreciated. If I could just ask that, at both the start and end of day, you supervise your children before dropping off and after collecting. Whilst there are staff around at these times, they do have a class responsibility and will be very focussed on welcoming children at the start of the day and ensuring all pupils are handed over to parents at the end of the day. Your support with this would be very much appreciated.

If I could also ask you to keep all children, including school age and pre-school children, off the school equipment at the beginning at the end of the school day. Such equipment has restrictions in terms of numbers of children and weight and as such use should be supervised. As a school we feel it is very important to provide resources for the children to use within school and have worked hard to fundraise in order to be able to finance such resources. However such items are very expensive and do therefore need to be respected and looked after to ensure longevity. Thank you for your support in this matter.

## Last Words

As always thank you once again for your continued support throughout the academic year so far. May your New Year be filled with blessings for you all, I look forward to seeing you all in the term ahead.

Yours sincerely,



Diane Mulley  
Head Teacher