



# Spalding High School

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**Headmistress Mrs M Anderson B.Ed**

9<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Dear parents, carers and students,

I trust that you are all well. There are a number of issues to update you on this week:

## **NHS Test and Trace Scam.**

We have been contacted by Lincolnshire Police regarding scam phone calls asking for payments and bank details to arrange tests and tracing. Lincolnshire Police have asked us to confirm the following:

The only number that NHS Test & Trace will use is 0300 0135 000

The only website they will ask you to visit is: <https://contact-tracing.phe.gov.uk>

Operatives will never ask for payment or payment details, they will not ask you for your bank details, they will never ask you to purchase anything, they will not ask you for social media account details or for you to download any kind of software to your devices, they will not ask you to create a pin or password or any other type of access.

If you receive a call from any other number claiming to be Test & Trace please ignore it, if you receive a call or email giving a link to any website please delete it.

## **School transport:**

Please find a link to further information on Lincolnshire County Council's website regarding transport arrangements from 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020 onwards: <https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/council-services/schools-education-1/5?documentId=427&categoryId=20128>

LCC have advised schools that transport will be provided as close to the start and end of the school day as possible, the Council is unable to guarantee that different start and end times can be supported. Further communication is available to parents on the website and parents are asked to confirm if their child will be travelling on different days and to complete the form on the website. Those without access to the internet should call 01522 782020.

## **Year 10 and Y12 Academic Tutorials**

The FAQs for Y10 and Y12 have been on the website since last week. Thank you for your feedback and further questions. We are updating the FAQ this week and will post the revised documents on the website for the end of the week.

**All Y10 and Y12 students should re-read the FAQs before they return to school from Monday 15<sup>th</sup>.**

To add further detail to our plans, we have added our Covid-19 Risk Assessments to the Covid-19 folder on the school website. If you have any questions regarding the content of these documents, please email [enquiries@spaldinghigh.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@spaldinghigh.lincs.sch.uk) by Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June and we will address the issues you raise. It remains our greatest priority to ensure the safety of our students and staff. I hope that our FAQs and Risk Assessments provide you with reassurance of this.

These risk assessments are still being consulted upon and on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> we will post the final versions. However, as the situation with Covid-19 remains changeable, we will no doubt review and adapt these procedures over the coming weeks.

The Government has issued guidance to parents on the phased re-opening of schools, which can be found via this hyperlink:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/reopening-schools-and-other-educational-settings-from-1-june>

As per my letter of 2<sup>nd</sup> June, our plans are based on the assumption that all Y10 and Y12 will attend their tutorials, unless parents/carers have told us otherwise. Please ensure that you email Mrs Neal (Y10) or Mrs Haunch (Y12) if your daughter/son will not be attending the academic tutorials starting on Monday 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Ahead of 15<sup>th</sup> June, please make sure that your daughter/son:**

- Reads and understands the updated FAQs and risk assessments on the school website
- Understands their individual timetable, including being aware of rooms and timings
- Has organised their subject work/books/equipment they need for the day and gone over their home learning for subjects so that they are ready to learn
- Has organised suitable items of non-uniform to wear and is compliant with hair, make-up and jewellery rules
- Brings a packed lunch and enough water to drink or has the correct money for the canteen (menu and prices attached)
- Organised transport to and from school and is aware that **if travelling on public transport, Government advice is that it is compulsory to wear a face covering from 15 June.**

**If students have any of the symptoms of coronavirus (no matter how mild) they should not come to school. The symptoms are:**

- **High temperature/fever**
- **Persistent cough**
- **Loss of taste or smell**

**The Canteen:**

Due to limited staff availability, a reduced menu will be available each day and at the moment we are unable to operate the cashless system. Please see the FAQs and Lunchtime risk assessment for further details. The menu that Edwards and Blake are offering is attached to this letter.

**Key worker supervision Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June**

**Please note that from Monday 15<sup>th</sup>, key worker students will need to access the school site via the green pedestrian gate and NOT via reception.** Please see the Entry to School risk assessment on the School website (Covid-19) folder for further information.

Key worker information and the Local Authority form remain on the homepage of the school website (under useful links, Covid-19). If key worker parents wish to send their child to school during the fortnight of Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June, please email the School enquiries email no later than **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June.**

Parents need to register that they would like their child to attend during this fortnight but note they can (as per the arrangements explained below) withdraw attendance on particular days as we appreciate that this makes it slightly easier for parents working shift patterns.

If parents wish to withdraw their child from attending during this fortnight, please do the following:

- Inform us if possible, by 3pm the day before withdrawal and no later than 9am on the day, the child does not attend.
- If the child is unwell and unable to attend, please notify us before 9am as per the normal absence procedures.

### **Visiting the School:**

To comply with government guidelines and to ensure suitable social distance, we have requested that parents book an appointment should they need to visit the school. We would ask that parents read the "Visitors to School Risk Assessment" in the Covid-19 Folder on the school website before making an appointment. Should you need to make an appointment to see a member of staff please email enquiries@spaldinghigh.lincs.sch.uk. Ahead of any prior arranged meeting we will also inform parents/carers of our new Covid-19 meeting protocols.

### **School Closure Challenge 4 (Guess Who):**

Very well done to everyone who had a go at spotting the members of staff from a small part of their face! Everyone who entered has earned their house 25 points in the inter-house competition and a certificate too.

Prizes on their way to:

Sofia Foster 6LM, Victoria Joyce 11P and Katie Winfield 6KM.

We are also trying to track down the student who sent their answers in as a word document attachment without their name on it. If you are the student, who has not had a personal response from me with your score out of 20 then please make yourself known! You did very well and will want to know what you got!

### **School Closure Challenge 5 (Star Jump School Record):**

Thank you to everyone who joined in. The deadline has now passed for this challenge and the PE department are busy sorting out the results. Results to follow shortly.

### **School Closure Challenge 6:**

Attached is the new School Closure Challenge which Ms Busby has kindly agreed to judge. The deadline for this challenge is Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June.

We are very much looking forward to start welcoming students back to school from next week. Take care and see you soon!

Yours sincerely



M K Anderson  
Headmistress