



The Spire Federation Newsletter East Wold and North Cockerington C E Primary schools

Autumn 1 - Week 3 18th September 2020



Headteacher Update

It has been fun packed week at both schools and children have been engaged in their learning. Everyone has adapted well to the new routines. I have seen impressive artwork in Robins and there was a special 'royal' socially distanced visit at East Wold.

We have started to upload work on Google Classroom. If you child is absent/isolating from school, we are aiming to upload work for 'Home Learning'. We will potentially start to upload 'Homework' on to Google Classroom too. We will make sure we either say 'Home Learning' – for children absent from school – and 'Homework' for all the children. We know that some of you have logged on to the system already and teachers will be showing children how to do this over the next week too.

Next week we are planning on writing to you with about the Purple Mash platform – our computing programme which can also be used to support Home Learning. Our aim is to ensure that whatever is happening nationally with the virus, we will be able to continue educating all our pupils.

With tighter government restrictions coming into force, we would like to highlight the need to maintain social distancing when bringing/collecting children from school. The diagram, below from the BJM (British Medical Journal), presents a guide to how transmission risk may vary with setting, occupancy level, contact time, and whether face coverings are worn. From this we can see that even when outside transmission can still be high. We would urge all our families to be extremely cautious, maintain social distancing and not to stay and chat outside of school. You may want to consider wearing face coverings at drop off and collection times. We will keep the current procedures under review and appreciate your support in keeping everyone safe.

Becky Dhami

Executive Headteacher

Type and level of group activity	Low occupancy			High occupancy		
	Outdoors and well ventilated	Indoors and well ventilated	Poorly ventilated	Outdoors and well ventilated	Indoors and well ventilated	Poorly ventilated
Wearing face coverings, contact for short time						
Silent	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low
Speaking	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low
Shouting, singing	Low	Low	High	Low	Low	High
Wearing face coverings, contact for prolonged time						
Silent	Low	Low	High	Low	High	High
Speaking	Low	Low	High	High	High	High
Shouting, singing	Low	High	High	High	High	High
No face coverings, contact for short time						
Silent	Low	Low	High	High	High	High
Speaking	Low	High	High	High	High	High
Shouting, singing	High	High	High	High	High	High
No face coverings, contact for prolonged time						
Silent	Low	High	High	High	High	High
Speaking	High	High	High	High	High	High
Shouting, singing	High	High	High	High	High	High
Risk of transmission Low ■ Medium ■ High ■						

* Borderline case that is highly dependent on quantitative definitions of distancing, number of individuals, and time of exposure

Reception Intake - Birth Certificates

Each year, as part of the schools admission process, we are required to see proof of your child's date of birth to ensure they are in the correct year group and eligible to start school.

As the offices at both schools are currently closed, please could parents of children in reception email a copy or photo of their child's birth certificate to the relevant school office using the details below clearly stating their child's name.

Once proof has been seen, this is recorded on your child's educational record and any copies of documents will be deleted or destroyed.

Please send your photos or documents to:

enquiries@east-wold.lincs.sch.uk for East Wold pupils

enquiries@north-cockerington.lincs.sch.uk for North Cockerington pupils.

If you have any queries please let the office know.

E Safety

Embracing the technology of the modern world is an important part of everyday life for so many, so it is important we take a moment to educate ourselves, and our children, of some of the dangers associated with using social media as well as how to be safe when using such platforms.

Attached to the newsletter you will find information regarding Tik Tok, Live Streaming and details of how to adopt a healthy relationship with technology.

Copies of these documents are also available on the E Safety section of the schools' websites under the parent information tab.



Every Mind Matters

Public Health England launches Every Mind Matters campaign

Most families have experienced upheaval in their daily lives during the pandemic. With children and young people now back at school or college, the new Public Health England (PHE) [Better Health – Every Mind Matters campaign](#) provides NHS-endorsed tips and advice to help children and young people's mental wellbeing, and equip parents and carers with the knowledge to support them.

The new advice available on the [Every Mind Matters website](#) has been developed in partnership with leading children and young people's mental health charities, including [Young Minds](#), [The Mix](#), [Place2Be](#) and [The Anna Freud Centre](#). It is designed to help parents and carers spot the signs that children may be struggling with their mental health and support them, and also provides advice that can help maintain good mental wellbeing and build resilience.

You can access the Every Mind Matters website and resources here:

<https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters/>



Purple Mash

The Federation has invested in Purple Mash for both schools. Purple Mash is an exciting web based platform that offers curriculum based activities, creative tools, programmes and games to support & inspire creative learning everyday at school and at home. We are using the platform to enhance our computer curriculum.

A letter will shortly be issued advising you how to access Purple Mash at home with your child. You will also be sent a small card which contains your child's unique log in details. This card is for you to keep safe at home so you have the details to hand when you need to log in.

