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Dear Parents/Carers

### **September Opening**

The government has made it clear that all pupils are expected to return to school, full time, for the start of the 2020/21 school year. I can confirm that the three schools within our Federation will be open for all pupils from Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2020.

Families with new starters, that is those starting in Reception, will receive separate information from your respective schools regarding the starting arrangements for your children.

The school experience for most children will be different, although those children who have been in school since 1<sup>st</sup> June will notice little difference in terms of school organisation. I outline below how school will look and feel.

### **Classroom Organisation**

The government guidance now says that bubbles can be as large or small as schools deem appropriate. Our bubbles will be year group bubbles at Spalding and Pinchbeck. At Surfleet, bubbles will be class bubbles. This means we will be able to provide appropriate support from Teaching Assistants across a year group. Classrooms will be laid out in rows or horseshoes so that all children are facing the front of the class. Science tells us that the risk of transmission of Covid-19 is greatly reduced if children are not facing each other.

Children will need to keep their personal belongings (coats, bags) under their desks in the classroom. Please, therefore, discourage your child from bringing an unnecessary large bag into school. Children will be provided with their own stationery in school, which will not be shared. We cannot allow children to bring their own stationery into school. P.E kit will be stored in the cloakroom areas of each school.

### **Playtimes**

Bubbles will have a timetabled morning playtime and lunchtime. This will be separate from any other bubble to reduce the risk of cross contamination.

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## **Lunchtime**

Children are to eat their lunch in the classroom. Reception and KS1 children will receive their Universal Free School Meals as will those children who qualify for free school meals. Farm Kitchen will provide a packed lunch for those who wish to buy a school meal, otherwise you will have to provide a packed lunch for your child.

## **Hygiene**

Posters will be displayed in each classroom, each toilet block and throughout the school reminding everyone of the need to social distance and wash hands regularly. Soap and hand gel will be available in every classroom. Children will be reminded, and expected to, wash their hands before and after each playtime, before and after lunch, when they arrive in school and before they leave at the end of the day.

## **Starting and Finishing the Day**

There will be separate entrance and exit points into school for each bubble. Only one parent/carer will be allowed to drop off and collect their child. If your child is new to the school, both parents/carers may drop off on the first day of your child starting. Thereafter, it must be one parent only. It is important that the number of people on site is restricted to a minimum; please try, where possible, to not bring other children on to the playground at the end of the school day. Crosses will be marked on the playground at 2 metre distances for parents to stand on whilst waiting to collect their children.

Please see the attached, separate, letter detailing the specific arrangements for your child's school.

## **If a child displays Coronavirus symptoms whilst in their bubble**

The child will be isolated and parents informed. Parents will be asked to collect their child and advised to get their child tested for Coronavirus. Parents of other children in that Bubble will be informed immediately that a child within that bubble has shown signs of Coronavirus, although unconfirmed, and will be given the option to collect their child or keep their child in school.

If the Teacher/TA with that Bubble chooses not to continue, resulting in their being insufficient staff, parents will be asked to collect their children immediately.

Should any child or adult in school be tested positive for Coronavirus, we will contact Public Health England who will advise the school on the steps we need to take.

I understand that these are not the ideal conditions in which we want our children to learn. But these are not ideal times. We have created safe environments for everyone in school; child and adult, and we ask you to please follow the instructions from your child's individual school so that all of us can remain safe in these continued uncertain times.

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I wish you an enjoyable summer and we all look forward to seeing our schools full in September.

Yours sincerely



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