



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome!

Good morning and welcome back to all our families across the Federation of Spixworth Schools, especially those new families joining us for the first time.

I hope you all had a great Summer, filled with fun and hopefully a little rest! I know the staff are all excited to be back and looking forward to the year ahead – I also know we have everything crossed for a year with less disruption than the last. Read on to find out more about our safe re-opening measures, more information about what's to come and a spotlight section on continence.

Happy New Academic Year Everyone!

Ms Jordan

Re-Opening - Safely



We begin this year with the coronavirus pandemic still very much amongst us.

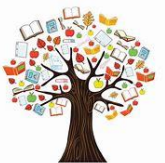
We want nothing more than for our community to be safe and our children to be learning in school. We are pleased that restrictions in schools can be reduced but will be doing our part to ensure it stays this way. We are working large bubbles that can easily be reduced if needed. We are continuing with increased hand hygiene and cleaning. We support parental and staff choice to wear face coverings in groups or where social distancing is difficult. Our risk assessments have all been updated and are available on our website.

Staffing



I am pleased to share that Mrs Baldwin, an experienced teaching assistant, has joined the Infant staff team (a change from Mrs Brown, who was unable to take up the role). The Infant school will also shortly be welcoming Mrs Hill to the support staff team, as we continue to ensure we can meet the needs of every child. Mrs Hill brings a range of relevant experience to the role and a firm commitment to our community. I am sure you will join me in making them both very welcome.

Outdoor Learning Improvements



The sail shades are now up at the junior school, ready to extend our outdoor learning offer. Later this academic year the infant school will see the pond area fully re-developed with an outdoor learning pod also planned for installation.

The junior school hall windows will finally be replaced at October half term, following delays due to Covid.

A Spotlight on Child Continence from the Paediatric Continence Service

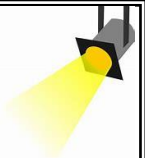
An interview with Lizzie Molloy, Assistant Practitioner in Children's Continence

What proportion of school age children might experience continence difficulties?

We know that bedwetting affects around half a million children and teenagers in the UK, with bowel issues affecting up to a third of ALL children in the UK. 1 in 7 children (aged 4) and 1 in 20 children (aged 9) experience daytime wetting. When you think about the numbers of an average class, that's a large number of young people in education with continence issues.

Just One Number as the first point of contact. Professionals and families can make contact with the service and there is also a wide range of information available on their [website](#). Children with more complex needs may be referred by the service or their GP to the Children's Continence Service.

There is also a range of information available via the ERIC [website](#) - the children's bladder and bowel charity.



Schools Improvement Plan



Every year the governors and leadership team look at what has been achieved and what is needed to improve our schools even further. With recent changes to Phonics, English and Maths, this year we will be focussing on making sure these changes mean the best possible outcomes for our children. Our whole team will be working together to improve how quickly children receive support for their next steps and there is an ongoing focus to ensure children are supported socially and emotionally as well as academically. To find out more, please read the Schools Improvement and Development Plan on our website.

DSLs



The Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs) are.

Ms Jordan, Miss Mattock, Mrs Payne
(Across the Federation)
Mrs Jackson and Mrs Betts (Infants)
Mrs Clarke and Miss Baker (Juniors)

All safeguarding policies have been updated for this year and are available on request or via our websites.

Attendance



The attendance target for both schools is 96%. We are following government guidelines on recording attendance, including in relation to COVID-19. If your child is ill, including if they have a temperature, cough or change in sense of taste or smell they should not be in school. Please phone the office on the first day of any absence so we know the reason for absence and that all children are safe. Thank you.

General Reminders



Please park considerately to our neighbours.
Please name all your child's items.
Please let us know if your details or circumstances have changed over the holiday.
Our schools are nut-free zones. Please do not include any items containing nuts in packed lunches.
Special diets can be catered for by either kitchen.
Please follow all COVID safety advice.

Key Dates



Parent/Teacher Progress Meetings: w/c 27th Sept
Half term: 25th – 29th Oct
Parent/Teacher Progress Meetings: w/c 29th Nov
Last day of term: Friday 17th Dec



Communication



At the Federation of Spixworth Schools we try to make sure we offer as many ways to communicate with our families as possible. Most letters are sent via email, unless there is a tear off reply slip which we will send as paper copies. We also share all letters and lots of other information via our websites. We have both Facebook pages and Twitter accounts. Please join us if this is your preferred way to receive communication from us. Please be careful to only use our official communication channels as we cannot guarantee the accuracy of information from elsewhere.

We take e-safety very seriously and have clear policies on how we will use the internet safely and teach the children to stay safe online. Please be aware that some policies also relate to parents/carers. Your own use of technology including social media is a model to your children. You should not publish images or video of your child at school on social media and any negative comments or abuse online could be classed as harassment.

We are proud of our schools and know that a good reputation is hard to build yet easy to break. If you do have an issue or concern, please contact us directly either by telephone or email.

Our policies are available on our website or you can request paper copies from the offices.

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Twitter: @spixworthinfant

Website: www.spixworth.norfolk.sch.uk

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