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# John Spendluffe Newsletter

## Upper School - Issue 12

### Summer Holidays

We are nearing the finish line of the school year. With one full week and two days to go until we can all take a well earned rest.

The past few months have been unprecedented and thrown challenge after challenge at us all. However, the resilience that you have shown during this time has been outstanding. The effort that is being put into virtual lessons on Teams has displayed this fantastically. The level of

contribution and excellent attendance is something to be very proud of.

Here at the newspaper team we have been blown away with your challenge entries or photos of what else you have been doing to keep yourselves occupied.

Keep safe over the summer holidays and we look forward to seeing you in school in September.

### Run-Walk-Cycle@JSTC



To erase the sadness of having no Sports Day or Swimming Gala and to lead us into the summer holidays, JSTC has launched the Run-Walk-Cycle@JSTC challenge.



Everyone, staff and students, is encouraged to participate. The competition is definitely on between staff already!

**When?** 8am on Saturday 11th July until 6pm on Wednesday 15th July.

**What?** Record how far you run, walk, or cycle. This can be done through an existing app currently on your phone (e.g. Samsung or Apple Health), a Fitbit, or by downloading a free app (such as Strava). As long as it will allow you to record the distance that you run, walk, or cycle for free!

**How?** Take a screenshot of your activity and email it to [runwalkcycle@jstc.org.uk](mailto:runwalkcycle@jstc.org.uk).

Important! When sending the email, type "run walk cycle" as the subject, making sure to include your House and Year.

**The plan?** How far we, as a school, can travel by adding up all of our distances and seeing where we end up. Will we get out of Alford? Will we get out of the county? And who will get the furthest, staff or students?



**Prizes!** There are prizes for the furthest run, the furthest walk and the furthest cycle. Plus, everyone who takes part and sends their distances in will be awarded Spennies.

Get those trainers on and lets see how far we can get! Good luck!

### The Spendluffe Weekly Challenge

**Are you (b)ready?**

This week's challenge doesn't require anything more than a loaf of bread.

BUT beware, it's not as easy as it looks!

Using the loaf of bread, your challenge, if you wish to accept it, is all about construction.



You must attempt to create the tallest configuration, using only the bread!

Oh, and to make it even more difficult, you only have 75 seconds to build your configuration!

We can't wait to see your 'buildings'!



Send your submissions to [pschee@jstc.org.uk](mailto:pschee@jstc.org.uk) or on the official JSTC Facebook page.

# The Return to School

JSTC will be re-opening for all students across all year groups from September. The world that your child will face as we emerge from this crisis will be one that provides more challenges for our young people and we must ensure that all our students are well prepared for that challenge.

Term 1 – school will re-open to students with the following schedule in the first week (please ensure students bring their own equipment and PE kit):

Thursday 3rd September; Year 7 only      Friday 4th September; Year 11 only\*  
Monday 7th September; Year 10 only      Tuesday 8th September; Year 9 only  
Wednesday 9th September; Year 8 only  
Thursday 10th September; all year groups in school from this day onwards.

\*selected Y11 may be invited in between 7th-9th September

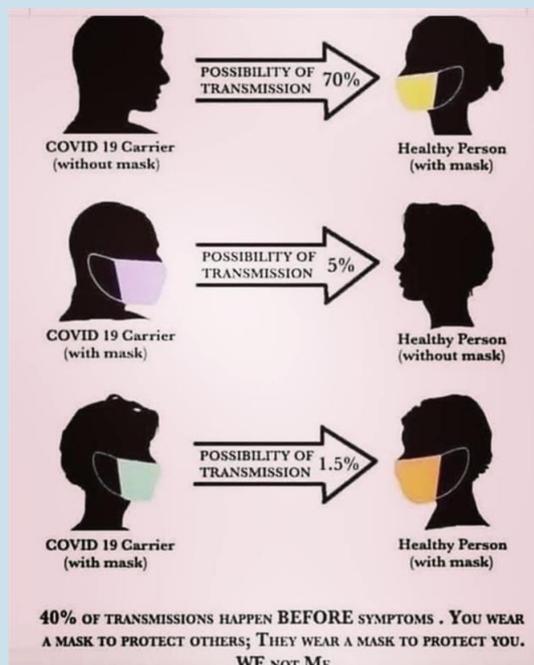
This schedule is essential so that students can understand the different way that school will operate in order to address the Government guidelines that will be in place for September. Students will work within year group 'bubbles' meaning that students from one year group cannot interact and mix with students of another year group.

Other changes to school operation include a one-way system, staggered lunchbreaks with access to the canteen, no access to the canteen at breaktime (please ensure your child brings any snacks and drinks for breaktime), lining up zones for classrooms and restricted access to the school buildings

These, and other protective measures, will need careful explanation to each student to ensure they understand all aspects and therefore a focus on each cohort is essential prior to a successful full start.

Additionally, there is little potential for social distancing, nor the protection of 'bubbles', on the school buses. All cohorts will be mixed on buses, and all schools in Alford will be together, as usual, on the same buses as planned. Lincolnshire County Council are encouraging parents to drive their children to school, to walk or cycle as a protective measure.

In classrooms, students will be expected to wear a face mask during their lesson. We understand that students can find masks unsettling, however, the safety of staff and students is paramount in the current situation. The reduction in transmission by wearing a face mask is shown below.



### Behaviour

As a school we expect good standards of behaviour, and when returning to school this expectation is maintained. We are proud of the good behaviour our students generally demonstrate on a daily basis, and remain confident that the overwhelming majority of students will continue to present as respectful learners in the classroom. Our behaviour system of C1-C4 will continue to operate as before lockdown but we will not be able to operate fully as normally.

If a child is disruptive and their behaviour presents a challenge both to the smooth running of the school and the health and safety of the community of staff and learners we will ask you to collect your child from school. Your child will then only be allowed to return with a risk assessment in place to address and remove the poor behaviour.

### School Visitors

There will be many other differences that will impact on the way that we work with parents. We will be operating an appointment only system for any face to face meetings, but we envisage that support for parents and opportunities to discuss concerns will take place over the telephone.

### Year Group Bubbles

The school has been split into zones, these are for your child's safety and to limit any potential transition/cross contamination to other year groups.

Your child will be reminded of these and will soon get to know the areas in which they have been designated. There will be toilets used specifically for year groups and staggered lunches to also prevent bubbles of year groups being cross contaminated.

### Further Details

Letters have been sent out on Class Charts and this will be the central information point as we send out the finer details. Please read through everything carefully so that we are all prepared when we return in September. We are very aware this all sounds like a lot to take in but staff will be monitoring very closely and will support your child in understanding the new "normal".

We thank you in advance for your support.

