



# Spalding High School

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**Headmistress Mrs M Anderson B.Ed**

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Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

What an extraordinary week.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the entire school community for supporting our students during this challenging time.

Our students have been even more remarkable than normal in recent days. Their resilience and support of each other has been wonderful and I know that they will continue to help each other in the coming weeks as we learn to live a very different life style.

The staff have also been incredible. They have supported the students and talked them through what is needed for the next weeks and also been so caring of each other, the Senior Team and me. The staff will continue to be available and working hard to ensure that the welfare and learning of all our students continues in the coming weeks.

I would also like to thank you, our parents and carers, firstly for putting up with the bombardment of letters I have sent you over the course of the last few days and also for then sending in your words of encouragement and gratitude for the School; your emails and messages have meant so very much to us all. Thanks also to Mrs Sutton who even donated some more hand sanitiser after we announced we were running low!

We have tidied up the home page of the school website and copies of older letters will now be stored in the tab on the right hand menu titled Covid 19. We will post the most recent updates in the front home page boxes before archiving them in the Covid 19 file. Work is also now available on the year group links. This is also where we will add each new fortnightly cycle of work. We shall keep you informed of any updates as soon as we are able to confirm them and ask that you regularly check the school website for news. We will also continue to send messages out via the In Touch system.

At some point today, (hopefully) we are expecting news from the Education Secretary as to what will be used for assessing Year 11 and Year 13 attainment now that exams have been cancelled. We will process this information when it has been announced and be in touch next week when we know more. To our Year 11 and Year 13 who have had their last day in school today, I say "Well done"; you are an absolute credit to yourselves, your parents and your school. P.S. best conga and hokey cokey I have seen in several years Year 11! We will make sure we give you a proper send off when things have settled down.

Key worker parents should also read my earlier letter carefully and be in touch if there are any questions or queries. Students attending school on Monday should bring a packed lunch with them and remember their PE kits.

As we shut the school for the majority of students tonight I must confess a degree of sadness and worry but also confidence that we will get through this and welcome our students back soon. You are all in our thoughts and I should like to take the opportunity to wish you well in these difficult times and hope that you and your families stay safe and well.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "M K Anderson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'M' and a long, sweeping tail on the 'n'.

M K Anderson

Headmistress