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Dear Parent and Carers

Headteacher Update 13th September 2024

What a great first two weeks back it has been! It has been lovely having pupils back in school after the summer break. 33 new pupils have joined our school this academic year and overall the transition process has been a success. Many pupils are settled in their new class groups, enjoying learning activities and wider curriculum opportunities with their peers.

We have got straight into getting out and about in the local community, with the following community links up and running: Boston College sessions, work placement, swimming session at the Castle Sports Complex, Horse riding lesson and equine therapy. Our pupils love being out and about and these opportunities not only enhance the learning experiences but also help develop important skills for adult life.

As always, we have a busy fun packed year planned and I look forward to keeping you updated throughout the academic year.

Zoe Williams (Deputy Headteacher): You will remember at the end of last term that I announced Zoe Williams would be joining the team. Zoe has enjoyed her first two weeks with the school and is settling in nicely to her new role. Zoe joins us with a wealth of experience from both mainstream, specialist and alternative provision. Zoe began her teaching career in large mainstream primary schools leading on P.E and Science as well as leading and supporting teaching assistants to best support pupils. Following this in 2012, Zoe started a new challenge working in alternative provision for pupils who had been permanently excluded ensuring they found their love for learning again as well as giving them a second chance to achieve. During her time in alternative provision, Zoe progressed in leadership roles as Teacher in Charge and Head of Centre. Zoe continued her work in alternative provision and supported the opening of a new alternative provision school in Lincolnshire as Head of School. This new school offered pupils who have been permanently excluded or at risk of permanent exclusion as well as pupils with EHCP's and SEMH needs an opportunity to excel. During this time, Zoe led and ensured the upmost safety for these pupils as Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) as well as creating an adaptive and thematic curriculum that ensured all pupils made progress. After 7 years as a Head of School and DSL in Alternative Provision, Zoe made the move back into mainstream primary schools as Head of School and more recently

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Deputy Principal/SENDCo with the passion to transfer the skills developed in alternative provision to best support pupils in mainstream schools in aid to support the reduction in permanent exclusions across the county. Most recently Zoe has obtained her National Award in SEND co-ordination in 2024. During Zoe's leadership journey she has also secured her National Professional Qualification in Senior leadership and Headship (NPQSL and NPQH).

Zoe will work between both sites and she looks forward to meeting and speaking with as many parents and carers in the coming weeks.

Parent Carer Coffee Morning: Our first Parent Carer Coffee Morning will take place on Friday 4th October at 10:00am. We will hold this event at our Springview Campus. Parent Carer Coffee Mornings are open to all parents and carers of both campuses. The events are an informal opportunity for parents and carers to get together. In the past we have invited visiting speakers to discuss certain topics important to our pupils and their families. This first meeting will be a general catch up where we will sign post you to local services on offer. If you would like to attend [click here to complete the RSVP form](#).

Website: Our website is a one stop shop for key information regarding our school. This includes information about the school day, curriculum information and key policies and procedures adopted in school. We have recently updated our 'who's who' page and school prospectus to reflect the current staffing team. Please take a look to familiarise yourself with key staff and those staff members who are assigned to your child's class group.

[Tulip Academy Spalding – Who's Who](#)

[Tulip Academy Spalding Prospectus](#)

Class News: Each week a number of classes will provide class news. This is shared on our social media page and on our schools website ([Newsletter Page](#)). Please do follow us on Facebook and X (formally Twitter) so you can keep up to date with everything that is happening in school.



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Transport: Transport arrangements for our school are managed by Lincolnshire County Council. As of this academic year the contract for transporting pupils is carried out by various different taxi and transport companies. Kathryn Greene (AHT Waterside Campus) and Toni Wand (Springview Campus) are your first point of contact with any matters or queries you may have. Please note that as the service is not provided by school, we have limited ability to make changes to plan transport arrangements. In most cases any concerns or questions you have will be directed to the local authority.

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Key Dates: Please find key dates for this term for your attention.

- Friday 27th September: School closed staff INSET.
- Friday 4th October: Parent Carer Coffee Morning (10:00am – Springview Campus)
- Tuesday 15th October: Parent Carer Evening
- Tuesday 3rd December: Parent Carer Coffee Morning – Supporting your child with Reading (10:00am – Waterside Campus)
- Tuesday 3rd December: Prize and Presentation Evening
- Tuesday 10th December: Christmas Production
- Wednesday 11th December: Panto Visit South Holland Centre (Waterside Campus)
- Thursday 19th December: Fashion Show (Springview Campus)
- Friday 20th December: Santa Run (Waterside Campus)
- Friday 20th December: Songs Around the Christmas Tree (Springview Campus)

Build Update: Build works are progressing nicely at our Waterside Campus and our new building is still on track to open in September 2025. Thankfully works involving piling took place over the summer holidays saving pupils and staff from enduring a lot of noise! As of Monday 16th September the frame for the building will begin to be erected. At some point during the that week a part of the steel frame will be brought onto school site allowing pupils the opportunity to write a message before it becomes part of the school building. Over the coming weeks and months the site will begin to transform and pictures will be shared routinely on our social media pages.

Evidence for Learning: As mentioned at the end of last academic year the school has now stopped using tapestry as a method of tracking and recording your child's

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learning. We will now be using Evidence for Learning as this will allow us greater flexibility to record learning information related to our bespoke curriculum offer. We are in the initial stages of setting up accounts and baselining pupils within the new system. Before the October half term you will receive further information explaining how you can create your account so you can begin to receive updates of your child's learning journey.

Uniform: Pupils have come back this year looking very smart! Should you ever need information regarding school uniform expectations please access information on our website. Branded uniform can be ordered throughout the academic year from [Nationwide School Uniforms](#). Please remember alternative uniform items can be purchased from local supermarkets and/or clothing stores. Further information relating to the schools uniform expectations can be found on our website – [Uniform Expectations](#).

Safeguarding: Our staff understand that safeguarding our pupils is everyone's responsibility. Our staff are well trained to support pupils with any welfare issues that may arise. If you are worried about your child or another child within our school please do make contact with the school, by telephone, and ask to speak with our designated safeguarding lead, Rachel Archer, or a deputy designated safeguarding lead in her absence.



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Designated
Safeguarding Lead



Olivia Casey
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Term Dates

	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
Monday	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30
Tuesday	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31
Wednesday	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25
Thursday	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26
Friday	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27
Saturday	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28
Sunday	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29
	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL
Monday	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28
Tuesday	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29
Wednesday	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30
Thursday	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24
Friday	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25
Saturday	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26
Sunday	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27
	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST
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Yours sincerely



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