



# Lincoln St Christopher's School

## December 2022



Dear parents/carers

As usual our Autumn term has been full of fantastic learning experiences and personal growth. All our pupils continue to make great progress not only within their curriculum but also in their social, emotional, and mental health development.

Despite the constraints of the current site, due to the building project, staff and pupils have adjusted to the temporary lack of facilities as we get ready to split site.

### BUILDING PROJECT

We have a preliminary date that our primary pupils will move to the primary site after the Easter holidays. In addition, we have identified a small number of secondary age pupils that we feel need to temporarily be on the primary site whilst the current site has a significant renovation. We are working hard behind the scenes to get staff, pupils, and parents ready for this transition. We are working with the local authority to make necessary changes to our transport arrangements in response to being a split site. Below are two key dates for parents/carers.

- ❖ 18<sup>th</sup> January 2023 (10.00 – 11.00) – Virtual tour of the primary school
- ❖ 9<sup>th</sup> March 2023 (9.30am – 10.30) – a meeting for parents of pupils moving to primary site

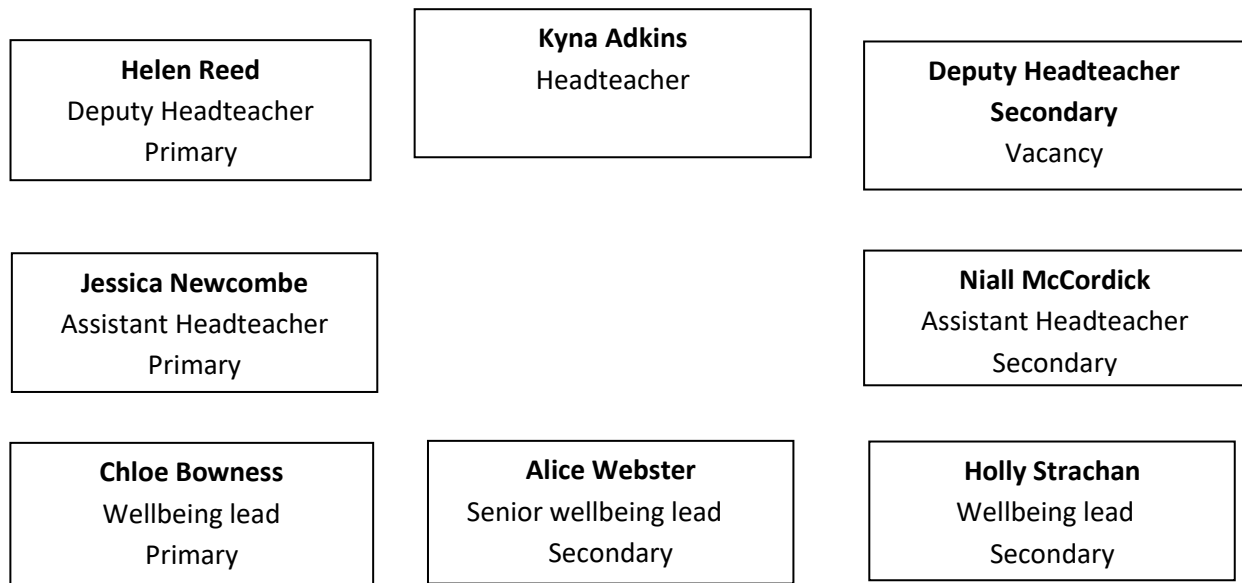
Please see below of images of the primary site:



## LEADERSHIP STRUCTURE:

Over the next two years we will be increasing in capacity with an extra 106 pupils over the primary and secondary site. In response to this we are reshaping our leadership team to consider the split sites as well the increase in number of pupils. I will remain as the Headteacher of St Christopher's and will split my time between the primary and secondary site each week.

I am delighted to inform you that Ms Helen Reed (current Assistant Head teacher) has been promoted to be the primary Deputy Head teacher. She will formally start in this role in January 2023. Dr Jessica Newcombe has been promoted to step into the primary Assistant Head teacher role which will start in January 2023. Below is a visual representation of the leadership structure. Miss Alice Webster has been internally appointed to provide wellbeing capacity on the secondary site whilst we await the appoint for the Secondary Deputy Head teacher vacancy which we aim to have filled by January 2024. All of this team will be part of the Safeguarding team



## RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION:









- ❖ We wish Adam Clayton all the best in his new ventures as he leaves us at Christmas.
- ❖ Ed Roberts, who is one of our teachers has been appointed as our staff governor.
- ❖ Welcome to Jo Emerson & Oliver Dove who are new teachers who will start with us in April 2023.
- ❖ Welcome Denise Bloor who has recently been appointed as a Teaching Assistant.
- ❖ Welcome to Stephanie Midgley and Zara Cannon who have become midday supervisors.
- ❖ As we expand, we are looking to employ more teaching assistants with an advert currently out.

## LEARNING EXPERIENCES:

We continue to find ways to bring learning to life. We have introduced Makaton across the school and staff and pupils have worked hard each week to learn 5 new signs. I know that parents have also enjoyed joining in at home.

Reading is always a priority within our curriculum, and we have been working hard to ensure that all pupils are provided with the right resources and intervention to make progress in their reading and/or communication skills.

We joined the nation in mourning of late Queen Elizabeth II.

-  Roald Dahl day
-  Mental health week
-  Visit from Pumpkin the Disabled Dog
-  Visit from Blue Cross Charity
-  Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas celebration day
-  School discos and Christmas parties
-  Christmas Dinner
-  Christmas fair

### CELEBRATION OF SUCCESS:

Each week in staff briefings, pupils are nominated for their achievements against our school values. Our pupils always surprise and impress us especially in their attitudes towards school and their friends with regular celebration of Kindness, Responsibility, Equality, Honesty, Positivity, Determination, Creativity and Respect.

Staff, pupils, and parents have worked together to raise a significant amount of money for charity with the following achieved:

Macmillan coffee morning	£207.64
Car boots	£429
Tuck shop	£35.40
Give as you live	£7.88
Amazon smile	£108



### Christmas Fayre

We are still counting the total, it was an amazing evening, thank you to all that helped, donated and turned up to support the event. A special thank you to Miss Emily & Mrs Carolan-Temple.

We will continue to support national events such as Children in Need and your support in sending a contribution for these events will all help. All money raised will be halved with half going towards the school fund and the other going towards the nominated charity.

We would like to thank The Rotary Club of Lincoln who have so kindly donated **£250** to school. They have also assisted with Santa visiting school this week.

### PARENT ENGAGEMENT:

We have reintroduced our parent coffee and contact workshops and have had excellent participation with the following workshops provided this term:

- ❖ Welcome new parents
- ❖ Every child is special
- ❖ Toilet training
- ❖ Sleep routines
- ❖ Visual's workshop
- ❖ Sex Factor (Relationship and sex education)
- ❖ So safe (Relationship and sex education)
- ❖ Understanding Autism
- ❖ Transitions Post 16 and adulthood
- ❖ Reading for prereaders
- ❖ Reading using phonics
- ❖ Functional Math's
- ❖ Wellbeing and resilience
- ❖ Supporting students out in the community

With the global and local economic challenges that we all are experiencing, we are looking to work with our vulnerable families to see what additional support we can offer them. If you are struggling, please reach out to us, we can be discrete and confidential and can use our contacts to provide support where possible.

### School Dinners – Important information

As from January school dinners will need to be chosen between 4 and 2 weeks **before the date of the meal**. School will no longer take a dinner register in the morning, so if you have not booked a dinner you will need to provide a packed lunch for your child, as we are unable to add meals after the close date. This includes any pupil who receives a Free School Meal. This is to assist with ordering the correct amounts of supplies and to reduce waste, whilst also saving money.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year. Enjoy time with friends and families and we look forward to seeing all pupils back to school on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

Best wishes

*Mrs Kyna Adkins*

Head teacher





School dinners are paid for through the Parentmail app.

If you are unsure how it works and/or would like some guidance please contact the school and we will guide you through the process, it is a very easy way to pay (like PayPal).

Lower £2.10

Middle £2.20

Upper £2.50

If you receive any of the benefits listed below, your child may be eligible for free school meals. To check if your child is eligible, please register online following this link:

<https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schools-and-education/free-school-meals/>

- Universal Credit with an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400.
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of no more than £16,190

**You can apply even if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 and has a free meal due to their age, it is still important to register for free school meals if you are eligible.**

You will need the following information to complete your application:

- An email address
- Your name
- Date of birth
- Address
- National Insurance Number
- Your child's name and date of birth

You will receive immediate confirmation of your application, followed by an email confirming whether your child is eligible. Once you have this confirmation please inform school, providing a copy of the letter. If you need any assistance in applying, please contact school and we will help guide you through.

#### **Breakfast Club 9.15am – 9.30am**

We have Breakfast Club, which is free to all pupils. We have a selection which can include bagels, toast & cereal.



## **Attendance**

Please ring 01522 528378 before 9.30am, press 1 for pupil absence, and leave a short message explaining the reason for absence. **The absence line is available 24 hours/7days a week.**

Please can we remind you of the importance of regular school attendance, which is a priority for your child and our school. There is a very strong link between regular school attendance and achievement and if your child is frequently absent from school, it may impact on the attainment your child achieves at the end of the school year.

### **Attendance Matters**



## **School Parking**

Parking is very challenging at the moment, due to the building works, please bear with us as we try our best to make it as easy as possible for everyone, including our neighbours. Please be reminded to park considerately and safely for all, many thanks.



## **Parent Workshops**

Both Thursday mornings  
10:30-12 in school.



### **2<sup>nd</sup> February - Oral Hygiene Routines**

(External professional)

### **9<sup>th</sup> February - Preparing and transitioning to adulthood** (Niall & Alex)



## **Football News**

In November Middle and Upper School attended the relaunch of the Lincolnshire Football Associations SEN League. Due to Covid 19 this is the first time this has happened in over two years. We fielded two teams, under 13s and under 14s, and both teams took part in friendly matches with several other SEN Schools from all around the County. All the students had an amazing experience and loved being at the LNER Stadium and playing on the Imps training Astro Turf.

During the upcoming year we will be playing several fixtures with other SEN Schools in the league. These will take place both at home at St Christophers and Away.

If you think your son / daughter may want to take part in one of the games, then please contact school and we will add them to the list of students who want to take part and will try our best to accommodate them.



**Please see below which class and area of school your child is in, as well as the Lead school staff.  
This will assist you when receiving invites for school events and who to contact in school.**

Dr Jessica Newcombe – Assistant Headteacher Miss Chloe Bowness – Wellbeing Lead				Mr Niall McCordick – Assistant Head teacher Mrs Holly Strachan – Wellbeing Lead			
Lower	Teacher	Middle	Teacher	Middle	Teacher	Upper	Teacher
1DM	Mrs Di McGill	2CK	Miss Charley Kelly	2AP	Miss Abi Preston	3AW	Miss Alice Webster
1EP	Mrs Emily Price	2HC	Mrs Heather Cole	2ER	Mr Ed Roberts	3NC	Miss Natalie Crowther
1JE	Mrs Jill Evans	2SM	Ms Sinéad Mannion	2GT	Mr George Tucker	3ST	Mrs Sara Taylor
1LW	Miss Leanne Whitehead	2KB	Mrs Kaya Bennett	2LA	Mrs Lyn Ayscough	Post 16	Teacher
1SB	Mrs Siobhan Boyle			2NW	Mrs Nora Watson	4AHS	Mr Alex Hall-Smith
1TM	Mrs Toni Malone	1JN/2JN	Dr Jess Newcombe	2PCT	Mrs Paula Carolan-Temple	4EC	Miss Emma Castle
				2NC	Miss Natalie Crowther	4SN	Miss Siobhan Newton

## SCHOOL TERMS & HOLIDAYS - 2022-2023

### 2022

TERM 1	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> September To Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Training Day:	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> September
TERM2	Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> October To Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Bank holidays:	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> December Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> December

### 2023

TERM 3	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January To Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Bank holiday: Training Day:	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January
TERM 4	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> February To Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Training Day: Bank holidays:	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> April Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> April
TERM 5	Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> April To Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Training Day: Bank holidays: King's Coronation Day	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> May Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> May
TERM 6	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June To Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July		

*1 day of twilight training nights being held during March.*