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SHINE in our community so that they are happy, confident and  
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Term 3

Spires  
Federation



# Dear Parents and Carers,



As we near the end of another term, we wanted to share the wonderful experiences from our recent **Careers Week**, themed "Opening Doors, Opening Minds." This event was a fantastic opportunity for our pupils to learn about different jobs and imagine what they might like to do when they grow up.

We welcomed friendly visitors from various jobs, including police officers, hairdressers, homelessness support workers, members of the armed forces, construction workers, medical professionals, and many more. They shared fun stories about their work and answered lots of curious questions from our students.

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all the guest speakers who took the time to visit our schools and share their experiences. Your contributions made Careers Week a truly memorable and inspiring event for our students.

At our schools, we believe in the values of **Success, Happiness, Inspiration, Nurture, and Everyone**. Careers Week was a wonderful reflection of these values, as our pupils experienced success in learning new things, happiness in discovering exciting careers, inspiration from our guest speakers, and a nurturing environment where everyone is encouraged to dream big. We believe that this experience has sparked our students' imaginations and helped them think about all the exciting possibilities for their futures. We encourage parents to keep talking with their children about what they enjoyed and what they might like to explore further.

As always, we thank you for your continued support.

We hope you all have a wonderful Half Term.

Kindest regards,

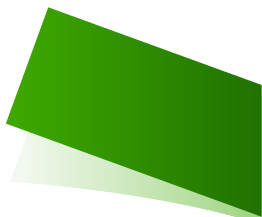
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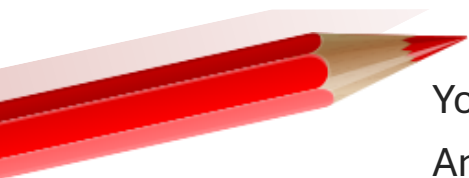
# Dear Parents and Carers,



I am writing to inform you of an important decision made by the Governing Body of the Spires Federation. After thorough deliberation, we have decided not to proceed with the academisation process and will not be joining the Infinity Academy Trust at this time. This decision was made after careful consideration of various factors, including the potential loss of autonomy over key decisions, financial implications, and the impact on our community and staff.

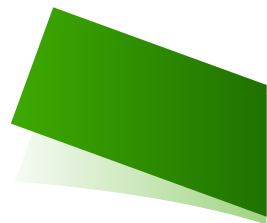
Our primary concern is to maintain the high standards of education and the strong sense of community within our schools. We believe that staying as a Federation allows us to continue providing the best possible environment for our students and staff. We will seek opportunities to strengthen collaboration with other small schools in the area to further enhance our educational offerings.

We appreciate the support and understanding of Infinity Academy Trust and our community during this process. We remain committed to reviewing our position in the future and will keep you informed of any developments. Should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.



Yours sincerely,

Andrew Hancy Chair of Governors Spires Federation



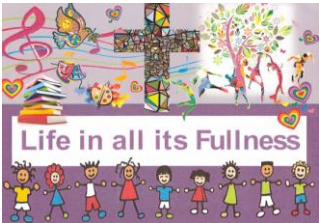
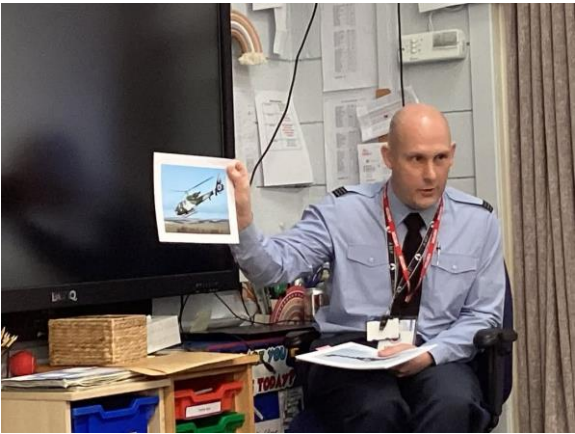
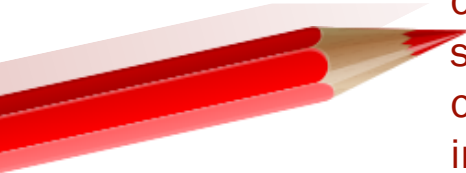
# Our Vision in Action How we SHINE!



To provide an aspirational education which inspires all to SHINE in our community so that they are happy, confident and equipped for life in all its fullness.



This term our values and vision were really lived out especially during careers week. Children had the opportunity to be inspired as they looked beyond school life, as the community shared such a variety of careers with the children. So much fantastic information, experiences and so many questions were asked!





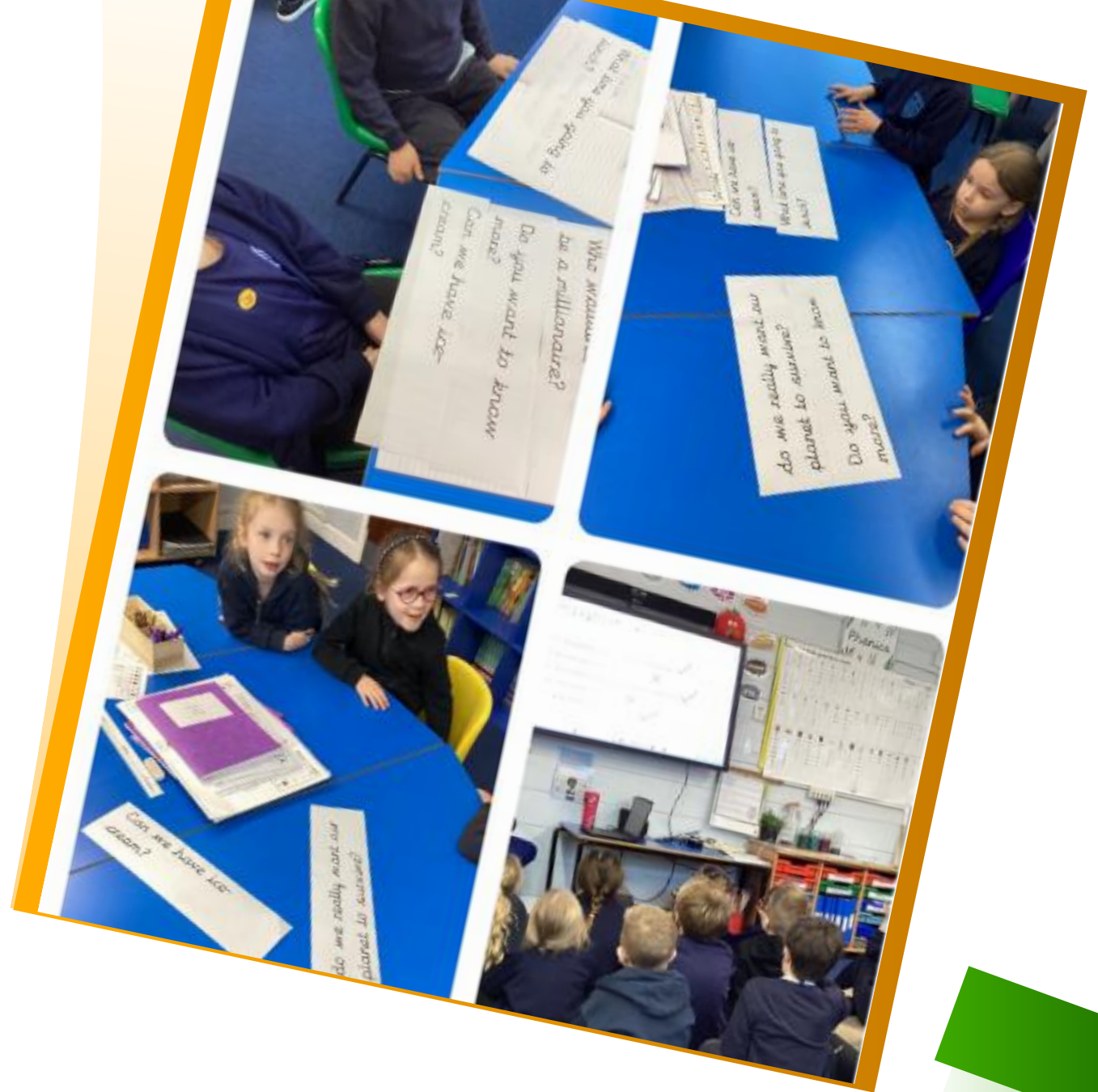
# Apples

## Term 3

Apple Class have enjoyed learning all about Castles this term and developing our understanding of where and why they are built.

We have also enjoyed working with Premier Education in PE and developing our jumping and gymnastic skills. We have also learnt about plants this term in science and why some trees have leaves in winter while others do not.


In English we have written setting descriptions for our own fairy tale castle and written a recount of our day at school.



## Apple class

Green Apples have been learning all about special books in RE and understanding why they are important to faiths.

They have been exploring shapes, height, length and measure in maths. They have also been securing their numbers to 10.



Green Apples have been learning about their dreams and goals in PSHE and have really enjoyed expressing their own feelings and opinions about their futures.

We have all enjoyed Careers week with parents coming in to share their job roles.



Apple Class



# Oak

## Term 3

2025 began full force with lots going on in Oak Class. We have enjoyed finishing our learning all about WW2 and finding out lots of information about rocks in science.

We have taken part in lots of sporting opportunities, from Archery to Multi-Sports Carrousel competitions in which we came 3rd for both year 3 and year 4!

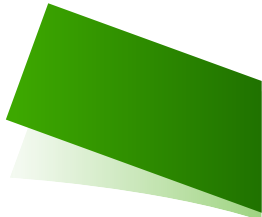
We created our own musical instruments on scratch and enjoyed an amazing careers week as part of our PSHE unit. Busy busy!

Have a great half term Oaks, you have earned it!





Oak Class





# Redwood

## Term 3

This half term has been very busy in Redwood; continuing the WWII topic, as well as enjoying Archery and the interesting talks during Careers week. There were lots of new ideas about what to do as a job in the future!

We have compared different types of pottery and sculpture and enjoyed creating our own using play-dough.

The Year 6s have certainly loved their time in Forest School, which has included planting trees, and the Year 5s were very excited to start their sessions.



# Forest School

## Term 3

This term, our Year 6 children finished their 12-week programme. They thoroughly enjoyed their time outside and the freedom granted through our child-led sessions. Highlights they shared with us included spending time with friends, crafting, climbing and cooking on the campfire.

Our Year 5 children have now begun their 12-week journey. Later on this year, the younger children at school will get a 'taster' of Forest School with a shorter session. Keep your eye out for an afterschool club for the younger children later this year too!



**Coming soon!**  
Thanks to FODs and funding from Asda Foundation, our fire-retardant shelter will be installed during half-term. We can't wait for the children to enjoy it!



Would you like to be a part of something special?  
Get in touch to talk to us about volunteering at our Forest School on Tuesday afternoons.



# School Office

Ms Jo Hayward is the school administrator and can be contacted on

01526 320027 or  
admin@spiresfederation.co.uk

## School Gate

The school gate is open from 08:45am each morning. If you are late, please ensure that you sign your child in at reception

## School office

The School office is manned from 08:45am to 3:20pm

## Attendance- Term 3 6th Jan to 13th Feb 2025

Apples - 97.64%

Oak - 94.02%

Redwood - 96.49%

Whole school - 96.19%

## Changes to pick up arrangements

Can we ask that parents give us as much notice as possible when changes are made regarding children going home.

We understand that circumstances do change, we have systems in place so we know where each child should be, but late calls/emails may not be picked up in time to get the message to the relevant staff.

Thank You!

# Friends of School

**We need you!!**

As we approach the first Half Term break of the new term, we have some excellent events in the diary for the next few months.

Organising these events and raising funds for the benefit of the children, takes teamwork. As such we are always on the look out for more volunteers to assist with running these events.

The Chair of the committee, Leanne states that she loves "to be able to give something back to a great small community and school." Fellow committee member Marianne describes being part of FoDS as a "great way to get involved with the school and to meet other parents."

Over the years FoDS funds have provided interactive whiteboards, outdoor play facilities, children's gardening equipment, library books, yoga sessions, school trips, cooking club equipment, and forest school staff training and equipment to name just a few.

Obviously, all this fund raising wouldn't be possible without generous donations and support from parents, teachers and staff from Dunston St. Peters, and the wider community. We need volunteers to help with the running these events.

The children thoroughly enjoy all the events that run throughout the year, from games nights and discos to sponsored walks and fayres. After all it is all about the children!

If you have a child or children that attend Dunston St. Peters, and you would like to get involved in FoDS, to any capacity do get in touch by contacting the School Office.



# Parking in the Village



## Please be considerate to residents



With the recent introduction of the yellow lines in the village by Lincolnshire Highways we are mindful that alternate spaces for parking have had to be found further into the village. This has caused some knock-on effects for residents.

On some occasions we have had reports that there has been incidents of cars driving too fast around Back Lane, inconsiderate parking including blocking driveways and leaving cars running while children are being dropped off at school.

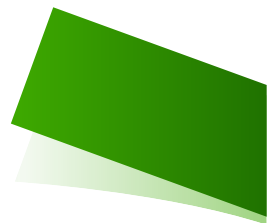
We are asking that you are considerate of the village residents and adhere to the highway code whilst parking.

For further information please see sections 239-247 of the highway code in the link below.

<https://www.highwaycodeuk.co.uk/parking.html>

Please be mindful that Lincolnshire Highways are monitoring the situations and at times are visiting the area to check for compliance.

Thank you for your support in this matter.



# NSPCC

Interested in Volunteering and helping keep children safe? Could you help the NSPCC in delivering their Speak Out, Stay Safe programme and become a volunteer? If you would like to find out more, register for one of their Information meetings and find out more by emailing: [VolunteerRecruitment@NSPCC.org.uk](mailto:VolunteerRecruitment@NSPCC.org.uk)

Thank you again for your support





# Hoglets Pre-school, Nocton

Nocton pre-school based at Nocton Community Primary has now been relaunched with a brand-new name and branding. We have been working behind the scenes to create its very own webpage, Instagram and Facebook pages. So please help us spread the word about this fantastic facility on your doorstep by liking, following and sharing our posts.

Thank you



**Hoglets Pre-school**  
NOCTON

**WE OFFER:**

- Provision for children ages 3 years and over
- 15 and 30 funded places available
- Small nurturing environment

**WE ARE:**

- Part of Nocton Community Primary School rated 'Good' by Ofsted
- Open 8.45 am until 3.20pm
- At the heart of a picturesque rural location

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admin@spiresfederation.co.uk  
www.spiresfederation.co.uk

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<https://www.spiresfederation.co.uk/page/?title=Hoglets+Pre%2Dschool%2C+Nocton&pid=210>



# Competition Winners Nocton

## Safer Internet Day

On 11<sup>th</sup> February the Federation took part in Safer Internet Day. This year, the theme was all about Scam awareness. A big part of scams is misinformation and fake news. We know that fake news being circulated can cause a ripple effect of problems for individuals and communities. Therefore, it is important that we all know how to spot misinformation and know places we can fact check like BBC reality check and Snopes.

Prior to this day, the pupils in Owls from Nocton Community primary took part in creating their own fake news story for the Safer Internet Day Competition. All the pupils were invited to the Terry O'Toole Theatre on 11<sup>th</sup> February where they discovered they won 1st place for their entry. Well done Owls!

Click on the link to see the winning online newspaper report on Fake News

[Nocton's Winning Entry](#)





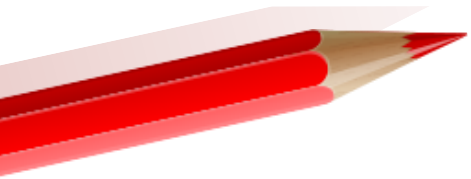
## What do I need to do if my child has a medical appointment in school time?

### Medical or dental appointments

Missing registration for a medical or dental appointment is counted as an authorised absence; but advance notice is required for authorising these absences. **If advance notices is not given by completing the correct forms, absences may not be authorised.**

However, we do encourage parents to make medical and dental appointments out of school hours where possible. Where this is not possible, the pupil should be out of school for the minimum amount of time necessary.

Parents must access and complete a 'Pupil request for absence form' from the school office and provide evidence before the appointment.





**Worried about  
your child's health?**

**Think 'Pharmacy First'.**

Most community pharmacies across Lincolnshire can provide advice and treatment for your child for these common conditions.

It's a free and confidential way to get qualified help and can be much quicker than visiting your GP or an urgent care service.

**1 Earache**  
Ages 1 to 17 years

**2 Impetigo**  
Ages 1 year and over

**3 Infected Insect Bites**  
Ages 1 year and over

**4 Sinusitis**  
Ages 12 years and over

**5 Sore Throat**  
Ages 5 years and over

Scan here to find your nearest pharmacy.



\*Patients already exempt from prescription charges, i.e. children, will get their treatment free, for the listed conditions. Otherwise usual prescription charges will apply.

### What is Pharmacy First?

Community Pharmacists offer free and confidential advice for minor illnesses such as coughs, colds, and eye infection. If appropriate, they can also provide treatment\* without a prescription for seven common conditions:

- Urinary tract infection (women aged 16-64)
- Sinusitis (adults and children aged 12+)
- Sore throat (adults and children aged 5+)
- Earache (children and young adults aged 1-17)
- Infected insect bite (adults and children aged 1+)
- Impetigo (adults and children aged 1+)
- Shingles (adults aged 18+)

The pharmacy will send an electronic message to the person's GP surgery so their health record can be updated. Should the pharmacist be unable to help, they will direct the person to their GP surgery or other health professional as appropriate. This service takes away the potential delay of having to wait for a GP appointment and may help ensure children get well and back to school as quickly as possible, as well as supporting parents/carers to also get better sooner if they are unwell.

Patients that are already exempt from prescription charges, such as children, will still be exempt from charges if treatment is provided for the listed conditions, otherwise [usual NHS prescription charge rules apply](#).

For more information on how your pharmacist can help, visit [Pharmacies - Lincolnshire ICB](#) or watch [Starting to feel unwell? Think Pharmacy First - YouTube](#)

# Do I need to keep my child off school?

<b>Chicken Pox</b> Until all spots have crusted over	<b>Conjunctivitis</b> No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	<b>Diarrhoea &amp; Vomiting</b> 48 hours from last episode	<b>Glandular Fever</b> No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	<b>Hand, foot &amp; mouth</b> No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	<b>Impetigo</b> Until lesions are crusted & healed or 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics
<b>Measles or German Measles</b> 4 days from onset of rash	<b>Mumps</b> 5 days from onset of swelling	<b>Scabies</b> Until after first treatment	<b>Scarlet Fever</b> 24 hours after commencing antibiotics	<b>Slapped Cheek</b> No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	<b>Whooping Cough</b> 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics
	<b>Flu</b> Until recovered	<b>Head Lice</b> No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	<b>Threadworms</b> No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	<b>Tonsillitis</b> No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	

# Wrap Around Care (WAC)



## Wrap Around Care

### Before and After School Childcare

2024/25

Our three schools offer wrap-around childcare provision for families. You may book the day and section of time that suits you. Bookings are made up to three days prior through our Parentmail payments system, with an up-front charge to cover the period booked. If you will be paying using Tax Free Childcare Vouchers, please select the box on PMX to make us aware.

#### **Breakfast Time**

For those children attending a before school session we will provide a variety of cereals, yoghurts and fruit, along with the option of toast for their breakfast. This will help them start their day on a nice full tummy. We aim to meet all dietary requirements, so please communicate with the WAC supervisor if you need an adjusted food provision.

If you book a 'drop-off' session only, breakfast is not provided.

#### **After School Time**

Following our school healthy eating approach, we offer the children a light, healthy snack and fruit to keep them full until you arrive to take them home for their family meal. We understand the importance of making sure the children are nutritionally balanced and will endeavor to make sure we fulfil those needs. Drinks and fruit will always be available throughout all sessions.

#### **Medication**

Should your child need to take any medication whilst at clubs please use the standard school medication form and inform us immediately.

#### **Opening Times**

We are delighted to now offer wrap around care as follows (new times and prices for 24/25):

# Wrap Around Care (WAC)



## Opening Times

We are delighted to now offer wrap around care as follows (new times and prices for 24/25):

WAC Session	Time	Price
Breakfast Club	7:30am - 8:50am	£5
Drop off Only	8:20am - 8:50am	£2.50
After School Club (early twilight)	3:20pm - 4:20pm	£4.50
After School Club (late twilight)	3:20pm - 6.20pm (Mon- Thurs)  3:20pm - 5:20pm (Fri)	£10

Ideally please book and pay before term starts to secure your place. We will try to accommodate late bookings – please contact the school office.

## Clubs Staff

Mrs Butler	Dunston
Mrs Colley	Dunston
Mrs Elliott	Digby
Miss Thompson-Dowse	Nocton

Please call the school office if you have any queries.

For billing queries, please email [admin@spiresfederation.co.uk](mailto:admin@spiresfederation.co.uk) specifying which school your query relates to.

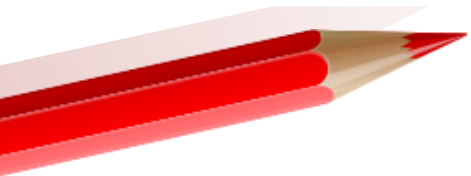
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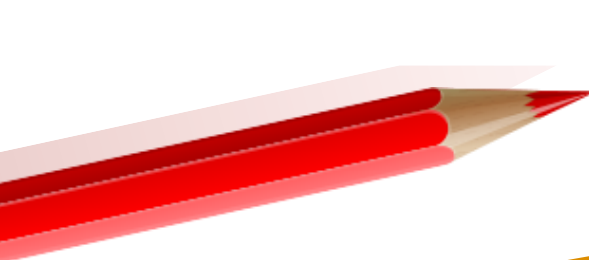
A blue banner with a white shadow, containing the text 'Wrap Around Care (WAC)' in white. The banner is tilted upwards from left to right.

## WAC out of school hours contact

If you need to contact the WAC Co-Ordinator after 3:30pm.  
Please use the following Mobile number.

07907 372167





Thank You!

Senior Leadership Team

