



THE CONINGSBY CONNECTION!

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We are delighted to launch our brand new weekly school newsletter...

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Published every Friday, the newsletter will provide families with a regular snapshot of life at Coningsby. It will be a place to share news from the week, important information, key dates, upcoming events and, most importantly, celebrate the successes and achievements of our wonderful children and school community.

Having listened carefully to feedback from families about the importance of strong communication between home and school, we are delighted to introduce ***The Coningsby Connection*** as another way of keeping everyone informed, connected and involved in school life. We hope it will become something families look forward to each week and a chance to see what has been happening in school, find out what is coming up and celebrate the many wonderful things our children achieve.

Thank you for being part of our Coningsby school family. We look forward to keeping you connected and informed!

A VERY WARM WELCOME...

Dear Children, Parents, Carers and Families,

A very warm welcome back to a new school year! I hope you have all enjoyed a wonderful summer and are feeling refreshed, excited and ready for the year ahead.

We are incredibly excited to begin another successful year of learning, growing and achieving together. As we look ahead, our focus remains firmly on providing the very best experiences and opportunities for every child in our school.

As your substantive Headteacher, I feel incredibly privileged to serve our children, families and wider community. I am committed to working alongside our whole school community to make Coningsby a place where every child feels loved, valued, safe and inspired to learn. I truly believe that the strongest schools are built through strong relationships, and I look forward to working closely with you throughout the year.

We are delighted to welcome our new Reception children and families to our school community. We cannot wait to begin this exciting journey with you and watch your children grow, learn and flourish during their time with us. We are also wishing our old Year 6 children the very best as they prepare to take their next steps into Year 7 and begin their secondary school journey. We are incredibly proud of you and look forward to hearing about all that you achieve.

As we begin this new chapter together, I want to thank you for your continued support, trust and partnership. Education is a shared journey, and when school, children and families work together, wonderful things can happen. Here's to a fantastic year filled with love, learning, laughter, belief, aspirations and success.

Welcome back, Coningsby St Michael's!

Warmest wishes,

Mrs Eden



WELCOME TO THE CSM TEAM!

We are very pleased to welcome two new members to our teaching team this year.

Miss Rebecca Wood will be joining us in Year 5, teaching our Hawks class. We are delighted to have her join our school and know that she will bring enthusiasm, expertise and a real passion for learning.

We are also delighted to welcome Miss Natalie White, who will be joining us for two days each week as our Teaching and Learning Lead.

Natalie will add valuable capacity to our Senior Leadership Team as we continue to strengthen our provision, with this role supporting the school prior to the appointment of a Deputy Headteacher.

We also warmly welcome Mrs Scott, our new office administrator. She will play a huge role in supporting and assisting our families and children. She will be a valuable asset to our wider school team.

We are thrilled to have them all join our school family.

PASTORAL SUPPORT

We are very fortunate to have a dedicated Pastoral Support Team, with Vicky Wise and Natalie Williams continuing to provide valuable support for our children and families.

Our pastoral team is here to help children navigate the challenges they may face, offering support with emotional regulation, behaviour, friendships, confidence and emotional wellbeing. They provide a safe, nurturing space where children can talk, be listened to and develop strategies to manage their emotions and feel ready to learn.

The team can also offer family support, helping families to access appropriate services and practical assistance when needed. This includes signposting families to food banks and other community support, as well as helping families to identify additional sources of support.

Through a range of therapeutic and wellbeing approaches, our pastoral team works with children to develop resilience, self-awareness and positive coping strategies. Their work is an important part of our commitment to supporting the whole child, recognising that children learn best when they feel safe, happy, supported and ready to engage.

Please do speak to us if you feel your child or family would benefit from pastoral support. We are here to listen, support and work alongside you.



PRE LOVED UNIFORM



Free Pre-Loved Uniform

We are delighted to offer a selection of free pre-loved uniform in our school foyer for any families who may need a few extra items.

If you would like to have a look, simply ask at Reception and a member of staff will be happy to make time for you to browse and take any items you need. Access is available whenever it is needed, so please don't hesitate to ask.

We hope this will help families save time, reduce the stress and cost of buying uniform, and provide a more sustainable way of sharing items within our school community.

If you have any good-quality spare school uniform, wellies or winter coats that your child has grown out of, we would be very grateful for donations. These can then be passed on to another family who may need them.

One family's outgrown uniform can be another family's perfect fit!

SUPPORTING ATTENDANCE

Regular school attendance is one of the most important factors in helping children to thrive, learn and achieve. The government has made improving school attendance a national priority, with schools expected to work proactively with families to identify and remove barriers that may prevent children from attending regularly. Persistent absence is defined as missing 10% or more of possible school sessions.

We are delighted to have an Educational Welfare Officer (EWO), Mrs Dee Goodwin (see image below) joining our school team for one day a week. She will work alongside our school team to strengthen the support we can offer to children and families. Her role is not simply about attendance figures; it is about understanding the reasons behind absence, building positive relationships with families and working together to find practical solutions that help children get back into school.

Our aim is to achieve attendance of 97% or above, reduce the number of children arriving late and, most importantly, reduce persistent absence. We know that every day and every learning opportunity matters.

Our EWO will work closely with families who may be experiencing difficulties with attendance, offering advice, encouragement and practical support.

Where there are barriers to getting children into school, we want to work with families to understand those challenges and help find a way forward.

Ultimately, our shared goal is simple: to help every child attend school regularly, feel that they belong and have the best possible opportunity to learn, grow and succeed.

