

## Springfield Primary Academy

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Dear Parent

Thank you for your support over this past week. It has been a pleasure having all of the children back in school. They have done really well and have settled back very quickly into new routines.

### Attendance

On the first day back our attendance was over 99%, which is brilliant! We have had a number of phone calls this week regarding whether or not children are allowed in school if they have a cold or sore throat. If they are well enough, then children are allowed in school with these symptoms. If your child has any of the following symptoms, then they should self-isolate for 10 days and a coronavirus test should be booked. Other members of their household should self-isolate for 14 days. If the test result is negative, then children will be able to return to school if they are well enough.

Coronavirus symptoms -

- **A high temperature** – this means you feel hot to the touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **A new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **A loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

Most people with coronavirus have at least one of these symptoms.

### Start and End of the School Day

I completely understand that our staggered start is an inconvenience for some parents. However, in order to maintain social distancing and to keep people safe, we have had to put these measures into place. A number of children are being brought to school earlier than their allotted time and some of our Year 5/6 children that travel to school independently, are arriving far too early. May I ask that you keep to the time slots below. At the end of the day, children will be let out of class at their finish time. Please do not arrive on the playground too early as we are attempting to limit the number of people on site at any one time.

Surname	Start time	Finish time
A-I	8.50am	3.20pm
J-R	9.00am	3.30pm
S-Z	9.10am	3.40pm

### Lunches

As you can imagine, lunchtime is our biggest challenge in ensuring children are kept in their bubbles and are not mixing with other children. Our Key Stage 2 children are having to eat in classrooms, in

order to ensure that everyone is kept apart. Those that have hot meals are having them served in a 'takeaway' container. It is impossible, therefore, for us to take individual orders for each child. If you order a main meal for your child, then they will receive everything that is described on the menu for that meal, including whichever vegetable is being served. I know that this is not ideal, however, we have to keep everything manageable in order to ensure that everyone is fed in the time that we have.

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October is our special 'Bang the Drum' lunch day. Everyone staying for a school meal will be entered into a draw to win a Smyths Toy Store voucher. There will be one winner per class. The deadline to book a meal is Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September. Meals are still priced at just £1.50 until Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October.

### **Breakfast and After School Club**

Both breakfast and after school club are operating, as normal, from 7.45am until 9am and from 3.30pm until 5.30pm. Due to the strict guidelines in managing this provision during the pandemic, sessions must be booked and paid for in advance. We will not be able to accept any child that has not had a place booked for them. All bookings must be made through Parent Pay, at least 72 hours in advance. If you are having problems booking a place for your child, please contact the school office.

### **Work Over the Summer Holiday**

Over the summer holiday we have had a multi-use games area built near the Key Stage 2 playground. This is to increase our capacity for outdoor PE lessons throughout the winter months. We have also refurbished our Foundation Stage outside play area, which the children are really enjoying. Mr Johnson, our site manager, has also been extremely busy over the holiday period, decorating the whole of the Foundation unit and the after school club too, amongst many other things. The school is looking great!

Thank you again for your continuing support.

Yours faithfully

*A. Willett*