

Care, Collaboration, Challenge

Friday 19th June 2020

Dear Parent

The Enquire Learning Trust has asked us to send out the following statement.

As per the Government guidance on the 15th June, Enquire Learning Trust academies are preparing to open to more pupils **where they have additional capacity to do so**. Each Academy Principal is currently looking at their additional spaces and risk assessments to ensure that all protective measures for further smaller groups could still be met. **Some of our academies may not have the space or extra staffing needed to open further**.

To aid the academy, we are asking parents in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 who have not yet taken up their place to indicate to the academy if this is still needed. This response needs to be completed by the end of the school day on Monday 22nd June. If there has been no response from you by this time, the school will assume that your child's place is not needed and may offer this place to another pupil.

Further Information

At Springfield Primary Academy we are currently operating ten teaching groups, or 'bubbles'. Over the week we have had 151 children attending school at some point. From Monday we are creating another key worker bubble to accommodate the increased numbers of key worker children that we have in school. Our ability to increase numbers between now and the end of term is, therefore, very limited, due to a lack of suitable teaching spaces. We will continue to keep you updated as more information becomes available.

Over the past week the children in school have been working hard and have settled into their new routines. As you can imagine, there is lots of handwashing! The children that remain at home have been working really hard too. It's been brilliant to see the quality of the work that has been produced on Class Dojo. Thank you once again for your support throughout this time.

Booking a Place for Your Child

If you are a key worker, we would be grateful if you would give us as much notice as possible if you need a place for your child.

Reports

Your child will still receive a school report for this academic year. Due to the pandemic, this will not be as detailed as usuall, but will give you a snapshot of how your child was doing as we went into lockdown. Reports this year will be sent electronically, wherever possible.

Hand Washing

Whilst in school, the children will be asked to wash their hands on a regular basis. Soap is provided in all classrooms and toilets. There will also be a supply of hand sanitiser in classrooms, to be dispensed by an adult, if needed. The hand sanitiser is alcohol based. If you would prefer your child not to use this, then please contact the school office.

Sun Cream/Sun Hats

When the hot weather returns, please remember to send your child with a sun hat. Hopefully they will be spending lots of time outside. You should apply sunscreen before your child leaves for school. If your child needs to reapply sunscreen during the day, please supply sunscreen, with your child's name clearly marked on it. We recommend using as high an SPF as possible.

Children are encouraged to apply their own sunscreen. Under no circumstances are children allowed to share their sunscreen with other children. Younger children will be supported by staff to apply their sunscreen, if necessary.

The full Sun Safety policy can be found in the policies section of our website.

Training Day for Staff

Friday 3rd July was to be a teacher training day. As we are not operating in normal times at the moment, we have decided to cancel this day and school will be open as usual for all those eligible to attend at present.

2021-2022 Term Dates

Our 2021-2022 term dates have now been published on our website.

Thank you once again for your support in these difficult times.

Yours faithfully

A. Willett