

## **Springfield Primary Academy**

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**Care, Collaboration, Challenge**

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Dear Parent

### **Thank You!**

Thank you for all of your support over this past year. Those of you that have had to home school your children since the middle of March have been brilliant! It's been fantastic seeing all of the work and the amazing things that the children have been doing whilst at home.

Those children that were fortunate to come back into school in June have really made the most of the opportunity. They settled quickly and have worked really well. Some of our key worker children have hardly missed a day of school, including the holidays. They have had a very long school year and have adapted brilliantly to it.

We wish everyone a good summer break and we look forward to seeing everyone back safely in September.

### **Goodbyes**

It is with sadness that we say goodbye to our Year 6 children. They have had a difficult final year, and have missed so much. The year group got together for the final time this afternoon and it was a real pleasure to see them all and to wish them well as they head off to their secondary schools.

We also say goodbye to Mrs. Marshall and Miss Harrison. They have been brilliant during their time with us and we wish them well in their future careers.

As you know, Mrs. Twigger retires today. There are no words to fully say how much children, parents and staff alike will miss her.

### **September**

We are looking forward to welcoming all of our children back in September. Term starts on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September. From this date, school will once again be statutory, so all children will be expected to be in school. If you have any concerns about your child coming back into school, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us. Teachers will be back in school from Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September.

The following information was sent out on the 15<sup>th</sup> July.

### **Start and End of the School Day**

Government guidelines state that we have to continue to have a staggered start and end to the school day, to ensure social distancing coming in to school and on the playground. We will continue to organise this by initial of surname, so that siblings can be dropped off and picked up

at the same time. **Please do not contact the school office regarding your child's start and finish time, as we are not able to change it.**

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

Please ensure that you are prompt when dropping and picking up so that we can avoid large groups of parents congregating on the playground. Both the KS1 entrance into school and the Lavenham Road gate will be open from 8.40am until 9.20am and from 3.10pm until 3.50pm. There will be no access into the car park until further notice, without permission of the Principal.

In terms of dropping off points, nursery children should be dropped off at their usual entrance at the back of the school. Reception children will be met on the reception playground, Year 1 and 2 children on the KS1 playground and Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 children on the KS2 playground. **Under no circumstances will parents be allowed into school.** If you need to get in touch with your child's class teacher please email them, leave a message on Class Dojo, or contact the school office.

In order to minimise the number of people on site, I would be grateful if only one adult bring the child onto site. If a younger child accompanies you, please ensure that they stay with you.

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

I am pleased to inform you that from Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September, both breakfast and after school club will be 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.

Following government guidelines, breakfast and after school club will be split into consistent groupings during each session. Nursery, Reception and Key Stage 1 children will make up one group and Key Stage 2 children another group. This will mean that your child may be mixing with children from at least one other 'bubble' from within school and may not be with their sibling.

### **Lunches**

We will be offering our usual hot meal service when we return in September. For Reception and Year 1 and 2 children, provision is free. For Nursery children and children in Key Stage 2 meals will be charged at £1.50 for the first four weeks of term. After that, they will cost £2.25. All meals must be booked through Parent Pay, by the Monday of the week before the meal is taken.

Due to social distancing restrictions, Reception will have lunch in the hall, Year 1 and 2 in the dining room and Key Stage 2 will eat in their classrooms.

### **What Your Child Will Need to Bring**

From September, there is an expectation that your child wears full school uniform. They can bring their lunch box, water bottle and a bag/book bag. Children will also need their PE kit. The academy has adopted a new PE top that can be purchased from Greenswear. However, your child can still wear their current PE top if it still fits them.

Following guidance from the Department for Education, children will not be allowed to wear facemasks in school.

### **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.**

Thank you once again for your support over this difficult year.

*A. Willett*