

Springfield Primary Academy

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Dear Parent

We can't quite believe that another term has gone by. Thank you for your continuing support over this term. We have been very fortunate that no bubbles have had to be sent home and the children have coped well with the wet and the cold!

When we come back after half term, all of our coronavirus safeguards will still have to be in place, including parents wearing face masks on the school site. As soon as we are able, we will begin to lift these restrictions in line with government and trust guidance.

We are still getting quite a large group of children arriving at school before their allotted time slot. I completely understand that the staggered start is inconvenient, however, I would be grateful if you would keep to the time given in order to ensure a safe start to the school day.

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

Unfortunately, there are so many things up in the air during the last half term, as we await to see what restrictions can be safely lifted. We have a number of provisional plans in place depending on what we will be allowed to do. Our sports days will go ahead, but we will wait to see if we will be allowed to invite parents to them.

As far as we are aware, transition for our Year 6 children into Year 7 will be virtual again this year. Please take time to visit the website of your child's new secondary school for more details. They will hopefully have information for Year 6 children moving to secondary in September. We have also organised a transition workshop for our Year 6 children that focuses on common questions and worries.

We are looking to organise a residential visit for our new Year 5 and 6 children at some point during the next academic year. Moving forward, we hope to offer one residential experience at some point in Year 5. The cost of residential visits has increased dramatically over the last few years and we feel that it is unreasonable to expect parents to pay for two residential visits. Also, we are finding it more and more difficult to staff these visits. A message has already been sent out on Class Dojo to gauge interest and we will let you know more details as soon as they've been confirmed.

Sunscreen in School

I included this in the last newsletter – little did I know then! Hopefully though, as we return to school after the half term break, the weather will be better. I would like to remind you, therefore,

of our policy about the use of sunscreen during the school day. Preferably, parents should apply sunscreen before their child leaves for school. All day sunscreens are available. If your child needs to bring sunscreen to school to be reapplied during the day, the bottle must be clearly labelled with your child's name. 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.

Please ensure that your child has a sun hat. During outside activities, staff will ensure hats, appropriate clothing and sunscreen are all worn to help prevent sunburn.

Our full sun safety policy can be found on the school website.

Reporting a Child's Absence

If your child is unable to attend school for any reason, please contact the school office. Please continue to use Class Dojo to contact your child's class teacher if you need information regarding your child's learning/behaviour or if you have any concerns.

Thank you once again for your continuing support.

Yours faithfully

A. Willett