

Springfield Newsletter

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A note from the Headteacher

Dear Parents,

With the school now having been partially closed for four weeks, I write to hope that all families are keeping as well as can be. Thank-you to all for your endeavours in supporting home-learning, alongside many still juggling the demands of work and support for vulnerable family members. Whilst things have looked very different in school, staff have worked across the holiday period, with many coming into school each day to help ensure extensive administration, planning and support for children has been in place. I offer my thanks to what has been an incredible team effort from all members of our school community. Whilst the school remains partially closed, I write with the following updates.

Home-Learning Programme

In order to help all children learn as well as they can whilst at home, we are adapting the home-learning programme, which we hope meets all needs. We will continue to provide paper packs on request to families where this is most helpful; please do contact the office if you would like to receive packs in this way by Friday 24th April. The next pack will be released on Monday 4th May and will be available to access via the website. In advance of this, you will receive a text with a password in order to log on to the home-learning area. Each year group pack will be differentiated; supporting learning at different entry levels. Please do also feel you can supplement this work with the continued use of recommended online educational programmes. If you have any issues accessing the home-learning area via the school website, please do let the office team know, so that these can be addressed as swiftly as possible.

We want to provide the right balance between learning and pastoral care and so alongside academic work, there will be an opportunity each week for children to check-in, virtually with the school. The aim of this is to help children still feel part of Springfield, with the opportunity for them to share aspects of home-learning that they are most proud of. More information will follow in the coming week in regards to safeguarding children and staff through this mode of contact, how to access the platform and a timetable for when each weekly session will take place.

Online safety

With more children now accessing online learning, safeguarding organisations including CEOP, have produced some excellent age appropriate resources to help children understand how to keep themselves safe whilst using the internet. These resources can be found on the safeguarding section of the school website and will be included in the next home-learning packs.

Newsletters

Whilst the school remains partially closed, we will continue to send the weekly newsletter to maintain our home-school, community link. We know how important clear and timely communication is and so hopefully this will provide the best medium for this. In newsletters, we like to celebrate the children's excellent endeavours in learning and so still wish for this to continue during this period. If you would like to send a photograph of your children undertaking home-learning, then please do send these to the school office at info@springfield.surrey.sch.uk and we will endeavour to share as many as we can each week. We hope that this also helps children still feel very much part of the school with all that they are achieving being recognised and celebrated.

At school, we speak daily about the school re-opening with hope, positivity and affection, imaging what a day this will be! Until this time comes, please keep yourselves safe and well.

Mrs Caroline Gibbins
Headteacher

Dates for Your Diary

All planned events and assemblies have been cancelled during the school closure.

Staff Message Board



Wellbeing Support from the Inclusion Team

There has been so much written in the news and social media about the importance of emotional well-being during these extraordinary times. At Springfield, we want to support our families as much as possible in this area and will continue to send out ideas and strategies that you can use at home alongside our school newsletter - please see the attachments to this newsletter.

Whilst we currently do not have a date for a full return to school, with the start of the new academic term there are many things you can be doing at home to ensure that your child is ready to come back to school.

- Try to maintain some level of routine as this can help to manage stress levels and will help children settle back quickly into the school routine.
- Try to keep consistent bed times and ensure children are getting enough sleep.
- Take regular walks and exercise in line with social distancing guidelines.
- Keep in contact with friends and family using telephones and social media.

The following "Home School" routine was shared with us by a parent.

9am - 9.30am - PE with Joe Wicks (YouTube)
9.30am - 9.45am - Drink and a story
9.45am - 10.30am - Learning activities provided by the school
10.30am - 10.45am - Break
10.45am - 12.00pm - Learning activities provided by the school
12.00pm - 1.00pm - Lunch Break
1.00pm - 2.00pm - Learning activities provided by the school
2.00pm - 2.30pm - Reading / story time
2.30pm - 3.00pm - Go Noodle

This generally follows the timings of our school day and could be adapted to suit your own timings and preferences.

We are also sending out a number of resources to support your child's well-being at home. If you require any further support or advice during this time, please telephone the school and ask to speak to a member of the Inclusion Team.

Many thanks,
Springfield Inclusion Team

A message from the children

