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A note from the Headteacher

Dear Parents,

As children within the childcare provision have begun to return to school this week, it has been a pleasure for staff to welcome them back and to see parents once again. For those not returning at present, class teachers have been making telephone calls to all pupils in their classes, enjoying hearing their stories whilst in lockdown. Video check-ins continue and it has been wonderful to see the many ways in which children have been learning this week.

In adhering to the DfE guidance, the organisation of the school day is somewhat complex and so to help please see below the confirmed dates, times and access points for children returning to school over the coming weeks. I hope it helps to have this information in one place.

Temporary childcare groups – Reception, Years 1 and 6

Year groups	Drop-off	Pick-up
Year 6 – KS2 side gate	8.30am	3.20pm
Year 1 – infant entrance	8.45am	3.10pm
Reception – reception gate	9.00am	2.45pm

Childcare groups in Years 2 to 5

Year groups 2-5	Drop-off	Pick-up	Wednesday
Childcare provision	9.00am	3.30pm	3.30pm
Main entrance – all groups			

Pupils in Nursery, Reception, Years 1 and 6 return to school dates, times and access points

Pupils in **Year 6** returning to school from **10th June**

Year 6	Drop-off	Pick-up	Wednesday early closure
Groups A and C – school office entrance	8.30am	3.20pm	12.30pm
Groups B and D – KS2 side gate	8.30am	3.20pm	12.30pm

Pupils in **Reception** will be returning to school on **15th June**.

Reception Classes	Drop-off	Pick-up	Wednesday early closure
Reception gate – group A	9.00am	2.45pm	11.55am
Infant entrance – group B	9.00am	2.45pm	11.55am
Reception gate - groups C and D	9.15am	2.55pm	12.05pm

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Pupils in **Year 1** will be returning to school on **19th June**.

Year 1	Drop-off	Pick-up	Wednesday early closure
Main entrance – groups A and B	8.45am	3.00pm	12.15pm
Infant entrance – groups C and D	8.45am	3.10pm	12.25pm

Children in the **Nursery** will be returning to school on **22nd June**.

Nursery	Drop-off	Pick-up	Wednesday early closure
Nursery gate – group A	9.30am	2.30pm	11.45am
Infant entrance – group B	9.30am	2.30pm	11.45am

From all of the Springfield Team, we appreciate greatly the support received from parents during this period.

I wish you a restful weekend.

Mrs Caroline Gibbins
Headteacher

School Dinners

For the children returning to school, you will be able to order a school meal in the form of a school packed lunch from the day they are due to return. This will include a selection of filled rolls daily, vegetable sticks, fruit and a pudding. The menu has been uploaded to both the website and the SCOpay portal. You will need to order your child's meal in the normal way via www.scopay.com. Please order by no later than the preceding Friday as the caterer will not be able to make any additional meals on the day. There will be no meals available on Wednesday for the children in the childcare provision and they will need to bring in a packed lunch on that day.

Celebrating Home Learning



Freddie in Year 3 made a s'mores oven (yum!)



Sid in Year 3 travelled the globe in his geography lessons.



Matthew and Alexander enjoyed finding and studying tadpoles by the river.



News from the Pastoral Team

With the easing of restrictions and the reopening of schools, we understand that many of our children may be struggling to understand and adjust to the changes. This week we wanted to share some strategies for supporting those children who may and may not be returning to school.

For children returning to school:

We understand that there is worry and anxiety around the reopening of schools for some families. Mrs. Gibbins has shared the policies, practicalities and safeguarding measures the school has introduced to make this as safe as possible for all members of our school community, however there are some things you as parents and carers can do to support your child during those first few days back.

Be Calm - children will look to trusted adults for an indication of the appropriate response to a situation. If you are calm, your child is much more likely to be so which will make coming into school much easier. Make sure you have read all of the guidance mentioned above and if you have any unanswered questions please do contact the school in advance of your child's return date.

Be Positive - remind them of all the ways they have learned to keep themselves safe during lockdown (hand washing, social distancing, etc.). Familiarise yourself with our new "Golden Rules" and talk to your child about them and why they are important. This will help your child to return confidently to school.

Be Understanding and Supportive - listen to how they are feeling. Offer reassurance and suggestions to resolve small issues and worries.

Be Prepared - talk to your child about changes that may have taken place in school - for example a different teacher or classroom. Make sure you have all of their uniform and equipment ready in advance and contact the school if you need support with this.

Use this link to access a story, which explains school reopening to children: <https://www.elsa-support.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Coronavirus-back-to-school.pdf>

During their first week, back all children will take part in two wellbeing sessions, the first to "Reflect Positively" on their time at home, and the second to "Look Forward Positively." We will also be offering ongoing pastoral support across the school to ensure children are able to return to school as safely and confidently as possible.

For children not currently returning to school:

It may be very difficult for your child to understand why they are not able to return to school at the moment, particularly if they are aware of siblings, extended family or friends who are returning to school. Whilst some children may be happy to continue to learn at home, we know that others will find this very frustrating - particularly if they are missing their friends, clubs, PE lessons and teachers.

Ways to support your child:

- Explain to your children the reasons why only some children are able to return to school (minimising the spread of the virus, social distancing rules).
- Listen to their feelings and reassure them that it is okay to feel that way.
- Encourage them to take part in the weekly video check-ins calls with staff members so that they can share their learning successes and chat to their peers.
- Send us photographs of their learning - this will enable us to celebrate and congratulate the children using Marvellous Me, certificates and postcards home.
- If you are happy to, arrange to meet up with a friend from school in a local park, observing social distancing guidelines.
- Continue to complete learning activities using the packs and resources provided by school. If possible, devise a daily or weekly timetable to work to, as children thrive on routine.
- Ensure your children are getting plenty of physical exercise to promote good sleep and to release positive hormones. Joe Wicks offers daily PE sessions alongside a number of other workouts aimed at children on his YouTube channel and our own Mr Cain regularly uploads his own sessions featuring various members of staff. You can also take advantage of the beautiful weather in our local parks.

If you have any questions or concerns around your child's emotional wellbeing, please do contact the Pastoral Team via the school office.

Many thanks for your continued support.

The Pastoral Team