

SPRINGFIELD JUNIOR SCHOOL



Ready to Return Newsletter

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Dear Parents / Carers,

The staff and I have been busy over the summer making sure that everything will be ready for a safe and successful return for all pupils at the start of September.

This letter should give you all the details that you need to help you feel confident about the new year and what to expect. Our full planning document will be posted on our website on Friday 28th August so you can view this too if you wish—we will send out the link for this.

After reading these documents, if you have any further questions or queries, please get in contact via our email; admin@springfieldjuniors.net or via the Arbor system and a member of staff will get back to you.

It is completely normal for you and your child to feel anxious at this time, but they should soon settle after a short time back and we will do everything we can to help this process.

We cannot wait to see you all and have your children back learning in the classroom with their new teachers. Enjoy the last week of the holiday!

Best wishes,

Louise Everitt, Headteacher

***Year 3 pupils return to school on Wednesday
2nd September at 1.30 for an induction
session.
All other pupils return on Thursday 3rd
September.***

Arriving at School

As usual, the gate will be opened at 8.30 and will be closed at 8.50. This means that siblings can arrive together. Late arrivals should enter via the school office.

Instead of all arriving through one entrance into school, different classes will enter school through different corridors to avoid overcrowding.

There will be staff on hand to help direct pupils to where they need to go.

3P (Ms Whitmore)	Performing Arts Entrance	5M (Miss Mower)	Performing Arts Entrance
3B (Mr Booty) 3HL (Mrs Hardy/ Mrs Logan) 3K (Mrs Barnes)	Yr 3 Corridor	5W (Miss Wilson) 5J (Mr Hardy)	Year 5 Corridor
4L (Mrs Lynch)	Performing Arts Entrance	6P (Miss Prior) 6T (Miss Taylor)	Canopy Entrance
4G (Miss Gaffer) 4H (Mrs Howes)	Canopy Entrance	6R (Mr Reynolds)	Performing Arts Entrance

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club starts again on Monday 7th September. It will be available daily from 7.30. The cost is £1 per day and places need to be pre-booked in advance. Please contact the school office at admin@springfieldjuniors.net if you would like to book a place for your child.

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What you need to bring

Children will return to school in full uniform. On the days when they have PE sessions, pupils can come to school dressed in their kit (shorts or jogging bottoms, a plain top, school jumper and trainers).

We would like each pupil to bring a small pencil case with several pencils, a rubber, pencil sharpener and some coloured pencils. This is for their use only and will need to be taken home and cleaned on a regular basis. For those without a pencil case, the school will have equipment for them to use.

Pupils will also need a filled labelled water bottle or two as we cannot use our water fountains. They can bring a healthy snack for breaktime—fruit or cereal bar is ideal.

In the Classroom

The classroom may look a little different to usual. Where possible, our rooms are organised in rows in line with government guidance. There may also be other furniture and items that are missing from the classroom.

Usually we ask children to share equipment in the classroom but this can't happen anymore! Items will need to be cleaned before someone else can use it.

They will also work less as groups and pairs.



Breaktimes and Lunchtime

Breaktimes will be staggered and each year group will have half of the playground for their play. This means that pupils from different years will no longer mix at breaktimes. Any play equipment will be cleaned by staff between breaks.

At lunchtime, we will still be offering both hot meals and a pic n mix option. Hot dinners will be eaten in the school hall, with pupils' own packed lunches and pic n mix eaten in the classroom. Again, there will then be a staggered breaktime outside.

The end of the day

The end of the day will also be staggered. Year 3 will leave at 3:05, Year 4 will leave at 3:10, Year 5 at 3.15 and Year 6 at 3.20.

Parents are asked to socially distance where possible on the playground and to leave promptly when they have collected their children. Families with siblings can remain in the playground.

We will aim to open both gates to enable ease of movement in and out of the playground.

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Keeping you safe

We have lots of new procedures in place to try to keep everybody as safe as possible:

- We have installed sanitiser stations in every classroom so that pupils and staff can sanitise when they arrive, when they leave the room and return, before and after eating and at several other points during the day. Pupils do not need to bring their own sanitiser.
- Soap for thorough handwashing will be available at every sink and pupils will be reminded about the need for regular handwashing.
- Pupils will be taught to 'Catch it, kill it, bin it' where they catch a sneeze or cough in a tissue or their elbow. Tissues will be binned immediately in a bin with a lid.
- Increased cleaning routines will be introduced. Each class has all the resources it needs to clean tables and chairs during the day, as well as shared equipment and common touch points such as handles and switches.
- Where equipment can't be cleaned, it will not be used again until 72 hours later.
- A minimal number of staff will work beyond their own year group. When they do, they will be encouraged to socially distance and may wear a clear visor.
- Pupils and staff are able to wear masks or visors within school if they choose to, and especially if they are concerned that they are clinically vulnerable.

Other things that will be different

There will be other events or routines in school that will be different for a while:

- We won't have whole school assemblies or talk assemblies in year groups in the hall. All assemblies will be in the classroom and we may use technology to link up with other classes.
- There will not be singing assemblies but pupils will still be able to sing as a class in the hall or Performing Arts Room where they can be spaced out, and the windows can be opened.
- Any trips that are taken will be local trips that have minimum cost. Swimming will continue when it is safe to do so.
- After school clubs and other before school clubs will start by the end of September. We may have to limit the year groups that attend or reorganise these so that different years can be separated.
- Visitors to the school will be extremely limited. Parents will not be able to join us in school for assemblies and tea afternoons. We will try to keep the website as up to date as possible and find other ways to share and celebrate learning.

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Displaying symptoms

If a pupil or any member of their family displays any Coronavirus symptoms, **they must not travel to school or work**. All members of the family must isolate until the person displaying symptoms can take a test and receive the results. Tests can be booked at:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/get-a-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/>

If the result is negative, then everybody can return to work and school. If it is positive, then the person with Coronavirus must self-isolate for 10 days from when their symptoms started. For the rest of the family, this is for 14 days.

If a child displays symptoms of Coronavirus, parents will be contacted immediately and will need to collect their child as soon as possible. Whilst their child is waiting, they will be isolated, and a staff member in PPE will check on them regularly.

Track and Trace

It is expected that all staff and families are compliant with the Track and Trace system. If you are contacted through this system, please follow the instructions given in order to keep yourselves and others as safe as possible.

If there is a local outbreak

The school will be advised by Public Health England team if there is a school or local community outbreak. **They will advise the school of the actions we need to take.**

If the school, or particular year groups are required to close in the short term, we will communicate this as quickly and effectively as we can, and update you about the situation regularly.

The school will be updating it's approach to home learning and will be sharing this with you over the coming weeks. This will be ready to implement should the need arise.

If you have recently been abroad and will be quarantining when the new term starts, please inform the school to let us know when your child will be returning.

Our plans and arrangements will be reviewed on a regular basis following feedback and any new guidance. We will be asking for feedback from parents about how the systems are working once the new term has started.