



## Springfield School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all keeping well and safe. We have been working in response to the latest Government guidance to welcome all pupils back to school in September. We are absolutely delighted by the news and have been planning to make sure everyone is kept safe. It has been wonderful to see so many of our pupils return to school over the last half term.

The Government requires all pupils to return to school full time unless they have had a specific extension to 'Shielding'. For those pupils who will continue to shield in September we are currently putting together a Curriculum home schooling offer.

School will close on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July as was planned for the summer holiday, we will not be opening during the summer break as our scheduled building work for a new Behaviour Support and Therapy Centre will be re starting. Teachers will also be taking a break, there will a summer planner sent out before the end of term, this is not compulsory just on offer of activities you may wish to do during the holiday. If you have a concern about your child during the summer holidays the usual channels are available which are:

- <https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/livewell/care-and-support-for-children/are-you-concerned-about-a-child/cheshire-east-consultation-service-checs/checs.aspx>
- ChECS **0300 123 5012 (option 3)**
- Emergency Duty Team on **0300 123 5022**.
- [head@springfield.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:head@springfield.cheshire.sch.uk)

### ARRANGEMENTS FROM SEPTEMBER

School has had to be risk assessed in some detail to ensure we remain safe for pupils and staff. Pupils coming into school will be working within bubbles of pupils and staff to reduce contamination. Each bubble is their class group and staff, pupils will remain in their bubbles during the day and will have a dedicated outdoor space. Where needed teachers can move between bubbles to cover PPA as stated in the Government guidelines. Rooms are free of soft furnishings and toys that can't be wiped down and a rigorous cleaning regime is in place. This method has been tried and tested and has proved to work over the last month.



As a school we are confident that we have all the measures in place following the Government guidance. We will no longer be taking temperatures of pupils on arrival due to the guidance changing and stating it is not a reliable method to detect COVID 19. If a pupil or member of staff shows symptoms they will be asked to self-isolate and be tested. If a pupil or member of staff does test positive for COVID 19 the bubble will be sent home to isolate for 14 days after we receive the test result to prevent the spread of infection.

Staff will be preparing classrooms for pupils return over the next two weeks ready for September. There are two INSET days, Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September and Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September. **Pupils return to school on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September.**

Our biggest challenge is going to be accommodating transport for both TSS and parents. We will be sending out a survey to collate the data and to plan for September. There will be staggered start and finish times particularly for parents dropping off and collecting. As soon as we have this information, we will inform you of the arrangements.

If you have any immediate concerns or you wish to discuss your child's return to school, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Governors, leaders and staff would like to thank all our families for their support, messages of goodwill and positive feedback from the work and online sessions being delivered. It has made a very difficult time so much easier. We are looking forward to reopening our wonderful school again for all pupils.

Stay safe, and we will see you soon

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Lisa Hodgkison  
Headteacher