

# SPRINGFIELD SCHOOL



## Newsletter - 16

14 January 2022

### Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a very busy week at Springfield, as with all schools, we have been hit with a large number of COVID cases. Thank you for your patience and co-operation since returning after Christmas. we appreciate it hasn't been easy.

There have been some significant changes this week which are detailed below:

#### **Temporary suspension of confirmatory PCR tests in education and childcare settings**

Confirmatory PCR testing following a positive result on a lateral flow device (LFD) will be temporarily suspended from Tuesday 11 January. This means that for all education and childcare settings, staff and students who have tested (either at home or through ATS) and reported a positive LFD result will no longer be advised to get a confirmatory PCR test.

This change is informed by public health advice. With high COVID-19 rates, the risk of a positive LFD result being false is very small. We therefore don't need to ask people to do a confirmatory PCR unless they:

- have symptoms (in which case they need to follow the stay at home guidance, self-isolate and order a PCR test)
- wish to claim the Test and Trace Support Payment
- have been advised to take a PCR test because they are in a clinically vulnerable group
- have been advised to do so as part of a research or surveillance programme

Education and childcare settings are not expected to trace contacts of a positive case as this will remain the responsibility of NHS Test and Trace. From Tuesday 11 January, contact tracing is triggered once a positive LFD test is reported.

Students should be strongly encouraged to test twice weekly at home and to [report all results to NHS Test and Trace](#) and to their setting. Anyone with a positive LFD test result should self-isolate and follow self-isolation guidance.

### **Changes to the self-isolation period for those who test positive for COVID-19**

From Monday 17 January, people who are self-isolating with COVID-19 will have the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative with a lateral flow device (LFD) test on both day 5 and day 6 and they do not have a temperature. For example, if they test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to their education or childcare setting immediately on day 6.

The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken the following day. All test results should be [reported to NHS Test and Trace](#).

If the result of either of their tests is positive, they should continue to self-isolate until they get negative results from two LFD tests on consecutive days or until they have completed 10 full days of self-isolation, whichever is earliest.

Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests or anyone who continues to have a temperature will need to complete the full 10 day period of self-isolation.

### **We will look at all cases within school individually and make decisions alongside Public Health in the best interests of the whole school community.**

As a general rule, where we have an outbreak within a class we will be asking for either **7 days LFT testing** or a **10 day isolation period** if the child isn't able to test. We understand that neither of these methods are ideal for any of our children.

We would advise ordering LFT tests kits as I am sure you are aware they are currently in great demand.

Despite all things COVID, children have had a wonderful week in school as you will see below with our pupils of the week!

Have a lovely weekend.

Lisa

Headteacher

## News and Information

### **EHCPs**

I have been informed by the Local Authority that they will be sending out Proposed amended and Final plans via Egress Software.

Egress is a free, encrypted software package that is free to download, (just go onto your browser and type in Egress) you can use your existing email address and set up your own password. You will be then able to view the plan.

If you are not able to use Egress, can you please inform the Local Authority that you would like the plan sent to you via the post instead.

If you have any questions, please let me know. Thanks Karin Stringer, Admin Officer

### **Autism Inclusive, Crewe**

Please follow the link to the events and what groups are running including their popular Gaming Sessions. Remember you need to book on all the sessions you wish to attend [Upcoming Events – Autism Inclusive](#)

### **Space4Autism**

Please see the links below for the programmes for January 2022, for Adults, Parent Carers and for Children and young people. There is lots of support and help they can offer to all. Space4autism support residents across the whole of Cheshire East. [ASC Adults What's on Guide](#) [Parent/Carer What's on Guide](#) [Children and Young People What's on Guide](#)

### **Friends for Leisure**

Attached are details of the latest activities and group sessions for the younger people up to the age of 21 that covers the whole of Cheshire East along with information on some of the Parent Carer face to face sessions and via Zoom support sessions they are running.

## YouTube Activity Channel

This week's activity video is the story 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' read by Miss Pullan. It can be found on our YouTube Activity Channel

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC8h2R01wqQRbOGI0E4gLXDg> The videos are available to watch at any time, and we hope you enjoy them!

# The School GATE

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*A = answers*

*T = through*

*E = each other*

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## **Questions and discussions:**

- Cheshire LDC will come on Friday 21st at 9.30am, this will take place during the Secondary Coffee morning at Apollo Buckingham. Please let me know whether you can attend or not. This is useful for parents/carers who are looking into other options available for their child when they leave Springfield School.
- Next Thursday during Primary parents coffee we will practise basic Makaton.

**Everyone is welcome, please join us!**

**Please note that until further notice, all sessions will be held in the Café at the Apollo Buckingham site.**

- Thursdays at 9.30am for Primary
- Fridays at 9.30am for Secondary

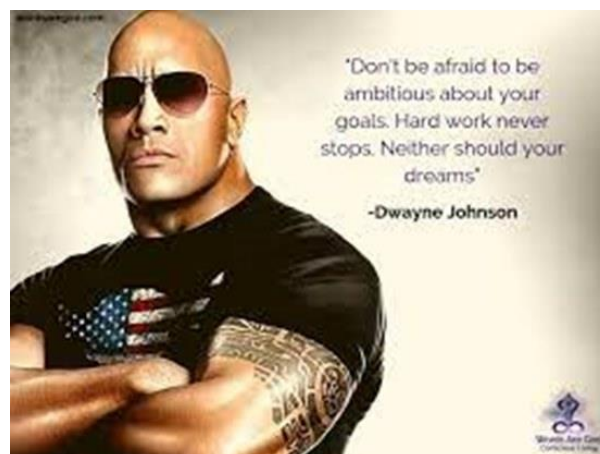
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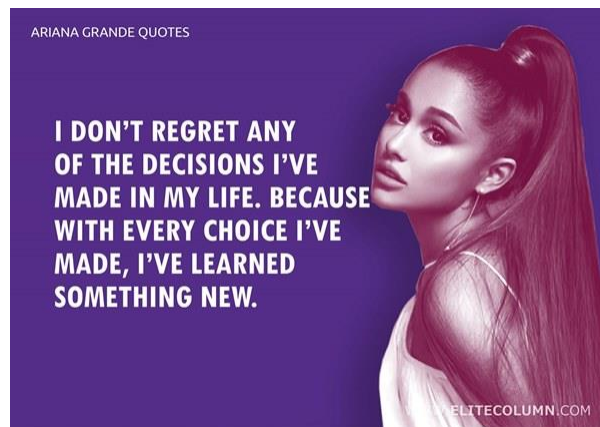
## Midweek Inspiration

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*6MH have three great quotes to share this week.*

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## Friends of Springfield

### Friends of Springfield School Lottery

Just a reminder to buy your Friends of Springfield School [Lottery tickets](#).

- Help us raise essential school items
- Support our lottery from just £1 a week
- Guaranteed cash prizes every week
- Win up to £25,000

## Reminders

### School Dinners

The cost of school meals remains the same as last year:

- Primary aged pupil (year 3-6) - £2:30 per meal
- Secondary aged pupil (year 7 and over) - £2:50 per meal

We are a cashless school and therefore ask that all dinner money payments are made via ParentPay. You will be able to check balances on your ParentPay account and ask that you do not allow your child's account to go into debt.

**Details of the free school meal service can be found at**

**[https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/school-meals/free\\_school\\_meals.aspx](https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/school-meals/free_school_meals.aspx) You can apply online or call 0300 123 5012 for further information and help.**

If parents do not have ParentPay accounts activated and need assistance, please contact Andrea in Admin.

## Nut Free School



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For new and existing parents please remember that we are a Nut Free School and be mindful of this when sending in snacks or packed lunches.

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## Springfield Sensory Facebook Page

There is a private Facebook page for staff and parents called 'Springfield Sensory'. This group contains lots of resources which parents may find useful at home and which are suitable for all abilities. You can identify it by the logo shown.



## Our NHS Team

### Nursing Team

Could parents/carers let the Nursing Team know of any changes in their child's conditions/medications/ A & E attendances etc via eSchools to Jenny Smith, Katie Mulroy or Debbie Potts. Parents can e-school, send letters or call us. We are in school between 8.30am and 16.30pm each week day.

Direct phone numbers to the nursing team are:

01270 826151 there is an answerphone on this.

01270 826150 there is no answerphone on this.

- New number for parents to activate their pad orders for Cheshire East children: NHS chain supply activation line - 0800 0304466
- The contact number for any issues with pads or if current pads are no longer suitable is: Bowel and Bladder Nurses - 01270 826360

## Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy

If you have any questions regarding your child's physio/OT/Orthotics care, the team can be contacted via eSchools, or telephoning school and asking for the Therapy Department. Could you please let us know of any upcoming orthopaedic appointments or planned surgery that has been scheduled for your child.

Hayley Mitchell, Physiotherapist, is in school Monday to Friday Hannah Bennett, Physiotherapist, is in school Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and is part of the Therapy Outreach Programme. Yvonne Williams, OT works on a Monday.

Useful contact numbers

For wheelchair reviews:

Physio/OT office: 01270 826153

Wheelchair assessment unit: 01625 663345

Wheelchair repairs: Rosscare 0151 6536000

## Speech Therapy

We are always keen to hear from you - please feel free to contact us with any questions about your child's treatment.

Jo Currie is available Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

Alex Makin is available Wednesday (pm), Thursday, Friday

Phone the school on 01270 691900 or on direct line 01270 826152.

Email: [joanne.currie2@mcht.nhs.uk](mailto:joanne.currie2@mcht.nhs.uk)

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Or contact via eSchools

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