

SPRINGFIELD SCHOOL



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Message from the Headteacher

We are super excited today as The Springboard Project has been shortlisted for 'Alternative Provision School of the Year Award'!!! We eagerly await the Awards Ceremony on 25th June!



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Friday 14 May 2021

The most outstanding individuals and institutions that the education sector has to offer have been recognised in the shortlist for the Tes Schools Awards 2021.

It's been revealed that **SPRINGFIELD - SPRINGBOARD PROJECT** has been shortlisted for the **ALTERNATIVE PROVISION SCHOOL OF THE YEAR** award.

Tes editor Jon Severs said: "It is more important this year than ever before to celebrate the fantastic work schools do, because in the past 12 months they have gone above and beyond to ensure pupils were able to be educated and be kept safe in extraordinary circumstances. We were inundated with entries that demonstrated just how hard the pandemic made the work of schools, and just how amazing the response from staff has been. We are looking forward to showcasing , as we do every year, just how vital our education professionals are to every facet of this country. "

After a very successful online awards ceremony last year, we are once again holding this year's awards ceremony virtually. Winners will be announced on Friday 25 June 2021

To see the full list of who's in the running, pick up a copy of this week's Tes, or visit [tesawards.co.uk](https://www.tesawards.co.uk)

TES Awards Submission

What is Springboard

The Springboard Project is a new initiative at Springfield School, Crewe which started in September 2019. It has been funded by **Cheshire East Local Authority** and is being run alongside **Safe Opportunities**. The **DWP Access to Work fund** is being used to supply Job Coaches from Grow and Achieve for the interns.

The Springboard Project aims to support young adults (16-19 year olds) with learning difficulties into the world of work. Our supported internship programme combines work experience in local businesses with taught sessions and independent learning activities at The Hub, our base.

Although this is a branch of Springfield School, places are not just for Springfield students, places are available for students from other schools or providers within Cheshire East who have an EHCP.

What is expected from an Intern

An intern is expected to be on work placement for 3 or 4 days a week, the job is chosen to suit the skills and interests of the young person. The Interns attend 1 or 2 days at **The Hub** where they focus on their functional skills and areas of personal development they may need to be work ready.

Each Intern has a work-based mentor and **Supported Employment Officer from Safe Opportunities** who risk assess the placement, make regular visits to see the Intern and are the link between work and **The Hub**. They also have a **functional skills tutor**, who will work in a small group or one-to-one when Interns are not on placement.

Impact on Businesses

As a school our curriculum has changed and evolved to ensure we have a focus on the workplace from an early age. We understand that due to the nature of our pupil's disabilities they can take longer to acquire the skills that are needed for the world of work. After extensive research and evidence, we know that by giving the pupils the additional time they need, we successfully see pupils going into the world of work from school from the age of 16 with this change in curriculum. This is a huge dramatic shift and both pupils and parents have high expectations of what the future holds.

The biggest shift has been the **education and support in the workplace for employers**. We have ensured employers are equipped with the skills and knowledge to support our young people into the workplace. The feedback we receive from employers is overwhelming always focusing on the reciprocal benefits it brings about in their organisations.

Impact on our Interns

In September 2019 the programme started with **10 Interns**, by the end of the academic year **7 had gained paid employment**. The other **3 Interns** unfortunately were working within the Care and Hospitality industries which were unable to accommodate them during the pandemic but have returned to the workplace recently. This is the most significant success we have seen for pupils with cognition and learning difficulties moving into the field of paid employment. If we can achieve this during lockdown, the future ahead is so exciting for our young people.

News and Information

Vaccinations

DTP/MEN ACWY immunisations are due to take place in school on 8th June for pupils in years 9 and 10.

Letter to Parents and Carers from Ofsted - May 2021

Attached you will find a copy of a letter to be circulated to parents and carers by Cheshire East Council. From Monday 24 May to Thursday 27 May 2021. Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission (CQC) will carry out jointly a re-visit of your local area following the previous inspection that took place between 12 March 2018 and 16 March 2018. The re-visit will evaluate how effectively leaders have addressed the areas of significant weaknesses detailed in the written statement of action (WSOA). The re-visit will be carried out in line with updated guidance about the return to Area SEND inspection. Ofsted and CQC inspectors will be keen to speak to as many children and young people and their parents and carers as possible, specifically about the weaknesses identified in the WSOA. These meetings may take place online. 1. Parents and carers who would like to take part in this survey can follow this internet link: <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/CheshireEastRe-VisitLASEND/> The survey will open at 12 noon on Monday 17 May and close at 12 noon on Friday 21 May. Parents and carers can submit their contributions via the online survey using the link provided above. 2. Parents and carers can contact their local Parent Carer Forum to find out more about how they can contribute their views during the local area re-visit. Details about the local area SEND re-visit will be available on your [Cheshire East SEND developments website](#) and distributed through the local area's Clinical Commissioning Group/s (CCGs).

Cheshire East Day Opportunities Questionnaire

https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/council_and_democracy/council_information/consultations/consultations.aspx

If you, a member of your family or somebody you have caring responsibilities for accesses day opportunities (a day service) or may do so in the future we want to hear from you.

To help us plan and develop services for the future, we want to understand how you feel about current day opportunities, if the service offered meets your current and future expectations and what ideas you might have for new approaches.

- Cheshire East Day Opportunities questionnaire
- Easy Read Version: What do you like about day opportunities?

Please submit your response by 5pm on 31 May 2021.

If you would like further information on the engagement process around Day Opportunities in Cheshire East, or to request a paper version please contact: mark.hughes@cheshireeast.gov.uk or gerard.buckley@cheshireeast.gov.uk.

Continence Pads - Change to Telephone Number

This is the 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

Midweek Inspiration

This week 1CW and 3NH have shared with us.





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

NUT FREE SCHOOL

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.

DINNER MONEY

Please make sure that you pay for your child's school dinners regularly.

Current school meal prices are:

Primary aged pupil (year 3-6) - £2:30 per meal

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

Please ensure that all dinner money is paid via ParentPay, reminders are sent out by email.

If you have any problems with this, please contact us in school. Please note however, that we are unable to help with resetting passwords for ParentPay, you will need to do this from the login screen.

If your child is not currently receiving free school meals and you think you may be eligible to claim, please contact [Cheshire East Council](#).

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.

The new number to call for any continence issues or change of size of nappies is 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 and 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: Rossclare 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

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Or contact via eSchools

Contact Us

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