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Dear Parents and Carers,

**Re: Diary Dates and General Information: Summer Term 2018**

Thank you for your continued support and patience over a half term of challenging weather! Let us hope that the summer term will bring more settled weather for us all. Please see below the key dates below for the end of this half term and term 3. Please do also read our newsletter which will be distributed at Family Learning Day.

**KS4 Exams**

For all pupils in the Special and Alternative Academy sitting exams – please note that you will be sent a letter with the dates and times of the exams from Tina Luty our exams officer.

**March**

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2018 INSET day (please note that this has been rescheduled from 9<sup>th</sup> March 2018). Both Special and Alternative academies are closed to pupils

**Family Learning Day – Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

All parents/carers will be contacted to make an appointment with their child's teacher to review their child's progress on that day. All pupils will need to attend with parents/carers for their progress review meeting in uniform. Parents and carers of pupils in the Alternative Academy please note that your meetings will take place with your child's teacher on the Springwell main site so that you are also able to access all the other agencies on the main site. Alternative Academy staff will contact parents and carers to arrange meeting times. The theme of the Family Learning Day is 'sleep' and how to support pupils in having a better sleep pattern. There will be various agencies attending on the day who will be able to offer support and advice, including Youth Service, SENDIAS parent partnership. There will also be other activities available on the day and some will be connected to sleep.

**Sports Relief – 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2018**

Pupils are welcome to support Sports Relief and further details will be provided on Family Learning Day.

**Easter holidays – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2018 both academies will close and re-open on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2018 for the summer term**

**April**

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2018 is an INSET day and both Academies will be closed to pupils

**May**

Special Academy Easter Concert – this will now take place on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2018 at 11.00am. This has been rescheduled due to the adverse weather disruptions affecting rehearsal time.

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2018 - Bank Holiday and both Academies are closed

14<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> May 2018 – Year 6 SATS exam week

**June**

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2018 - 'Refu Tea', this is a coffee morning to raise money for local refugees. Parents, carers and families are invited to join us - further information will be sent out nearer the time.

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2018 – Special Academy Sports Day - parents will be notified nearer to the time with the details.

## **July**

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2018 INSET – Both academies closed to pupils

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2018 – Family Learning Day – reports will be issued to parents and carers.

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2018 – Both academies will close for the summer holidays.

## **General information**

### **School Lunch**

For those parents/carers who have opted for a school lunch and the cost is £1.80 per day and £9.00 per week. Payment can be made either by cash or cheque (cheques should be made payable to Wellspring Academy Trust) if you send a payment in with your son/daughter a receipt will be issued for proof of payment if paid at reception.

### **Gadgets**

To ensure a calm and focused learning environment we request that pupils do not bring electronic gadgets, computer games, Ipad tablets or mobile phones in to school. If pupils do bring equipment in to school, it will be locked away by staff until the end of the day. Please avoid any issues arising by keeping such items at home. If you need to contact your child in an emergency, please contact the school's reception on 01226 291133.

### **Uniform**

The standard of the uniform has been excellent across the academies; however, we would like to politely remind everyone that all pupils need to attend in full school uniform.

Uniform for the Special Academy is as follows: turquoise polo shirt, grey sweatshirt or cardigan, black trousers and plain black shoes.

The Alternative Academy uniform is as follows: turquoise polo shirt, grey sweatshirt or cardigan, black trousers and plain black shoes. Hoodies, sweatpants or caps should not be worn in school.

### **Pastoral Team**

If you have any concerns regarding your child, we have a pastoral team ready to support you:

#### **Vicky Fieldhouse – Attendance Officer**

Parents should phone the school (01226 291133) to report their child's absence. The Attendance Officer will be in the office from 7.30 am daily to take the calls. It is essential to report your child's absence as this prevents a first day absence call being made and also taxis being sent out unnecessarily.

#### **Mr Baker (Special Academy)**

#### **Mrs Ellis (Alternative Academy)**

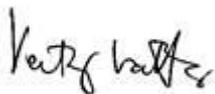
#### **Mrs Musgrave (Parent Support Advisor, based at Springwell Special Academy)**

### **Future Dates and Events**

Please note that dates and times for events are on the school website, sent out on twitter and via text message. If you don't have your own account, you can access the school twitter account on [twitter.com@springwellLC](https://twitter.com/springwellLC). This will allow you to view but not comment on tweets. Please follow us if you have an account. On the website you will also be able to follow your child's blog to see what they have been learning and enjoying in school (website link [www.springwelllearningcommunity.co.uk](http://www.springwelllearningcommunity.co.uk)).

May I take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support.

With best wishes,



**Ms V Watts**

**Associate Executive Principal**