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Dear Parents/Carers

**Re: Diary Dates and General Information: Summer Term 2019**

I hope that you all had a fantastic Easter break and bank holiday. With the year 6 SATS and key stage 4 GCSE exams soon upon us, we wish all the pupils the best of luck. As this can be a very stressful time for pupils sitting exams, we thank you in advance for helping your children with ensuring they have enough sleep, have time to revise regularly as well as having ways to relax too.

**KS4 Exams information**

For all pupils in the Special and Alternative Academy sitting exams in key stage 4 – please note that you will be receiving a letter with the dates and times of the exams from Tina Luty our exams officer. The staff in every mini team will also be contacting parents and carers to further remind you. If any parents and carers are aware of any difficulties with regards the exams, please contact your child's teacher or a member of the pastoral team as soon as possible.

**Term 3 key dates:**

**May:**

Week commencing Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2019 – Year 6 SATS exams and KS4 exams commence.

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2019 - Key stage 3 Shakespeare Festival - Parents/Carers to be contacted nearer the time regarding specific arrangements.

**June**

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2019 - Sports Day - Special Academy – details will be communicated nearer the time.

**July**

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2019– Family Learning Day – both academies.  
Reports will be issued to parents/carers on this date.

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2019

Academies close for the summer holidays.

Mr D Whitaker  
Executive Principal

Ms V Watts  
Associate Executive Principal

## General information:

### School Lunch

For those parents/carers who have opted for a school lunch, the cost is £1.80 per day or £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.

**Healthy packed lunch reminder:** Please can parents avoid putting chocolate bars, sugary snacks and drinks in packed lunches as sugar can unsettle pupils and prevent them from settling to learn. Bottled water is preferable, and water is also available for pupils throughout the day.

### 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

Thank you to parents and carers for ensuring that pupils continue to attend in full school uniform. A reminder that plain, black shoes are a requirement in all settings.

Uniform for the Special Academy and Primary Alternative Academy (key stage 1 and key stage 2) is as follows: turquoise polo shirt, grey sweatshirt or cardigan, black trousers and plain black shoes. For key stage 4 in the Special Academy, the sweatshirt and cardigan option will be black from September 2019. Any pupils wishing to purchase a new sweatshirt or cardigan can wear a black one from now onwards or continue to wear their grey sweatshirt until the end of the school year.

The key stage 3 and key stage 4 Alternative Academy uniform is as follows: turquoise polo shirt, black sweatshirt or cardigan, black trousers and plain black shoes.

Please note that hoodies, sweatpants or caps should not be worn in school.

Springwell polo shirts and sweatshirts can be purchased from Springwell reception, polo shirts cost £7.50, sweat shirts cost £9.00 and cardigans cost £11.00. If you have any concerns regarding uniform, please ring reception and speak to one of the pastoral team.

### Attendance and absence procedures:

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 taxis being sent out unnecessarily. It is important that your child attends school every day to achieve their full potential.

### Pastoral Team

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

**Mr Baker (Pastoral Manager - Special Academy)**  
**Mrs Beet (Pastoral Manager - Alternative Academy)**  
**Miss Fieldhouse (Parent Support Advisor)**

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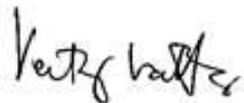
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## Future Dates and Events

Please note that dates and times for events are also 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)). **Please ensure that school has an up to date mobile phone number (where applicable), so that you can also receive text messages of announcements.**

We look forward to a positive term working in partnership with our parents and carers.

With best wishes,



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