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Dear parents and carers,

We welcome you all back into our Springwell community, along with the pupils and look forward to working in positive partnership with you all over the year ahead.

We were delighted with the results for our year 11 students who sat exams in the summer and also, congratulations go to many of our year 10 students who have also already sat GCSE and Functional Skills exams with success. We wish all our new year 11 students the best of luck as they start their final year. There are lots of exciting learning opportunities ahead for all our pupils and we look forward to sharing your child's progress with you and seeing you at our Family Learning Days and other events we will be holding. Please find below general information updates for you:

General information

Mobile Phones, computer games and other electronic gadgets

All pupils were informed before the summer break that mobile phones, electronic games and gadgets are banned and that phones or gadgets brought in to school will need to be handed in to the class teacher, locked away and then returned at the end of the day. This is essential so that we can maintain the very best climate for learning and ensure pupils are able to concentrate on their learning and that any distraction is avoided. We thank you for your support with this. If you need to contact your child urgently during the school day, please ring the **school main reception** and your child will be informed.



School Lunch

A reminder that for those pupils who are choosing a school lunch, the cost has now increased to £1.85 per day or £9.25 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. Please note that a school comms was sent regarding the increase as soon as the school itself was informed.

Healthy packed lunch reminder: Please can parents and carers avoid including chocolate bars and sugary snacks in packed lunches as sugar can unsettle pupils and prevent them from settling to learn. Likewise, please do not give pupils drinks containing sugar. Fresh water is available for pupils throughout the day.

Uniform

The standard of the uniform has been excellent across both academies and we thank parents and carers for ensuring that pupils have returned to school in full uniform.

Uniform for the **Special Academy** and **Primary Alternative Academy** is as follows: turquoise polo shirt, grey sweatshirt or cardigan, black trousers and plain black shoes. For **key stage 4 (years 10 and 11)** in the Special Academy, the sweatshirt and cardigan option is **black** from September 2019. Parents, carers and pupils were notified of the change in the spring term last 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, sweatshirts 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.

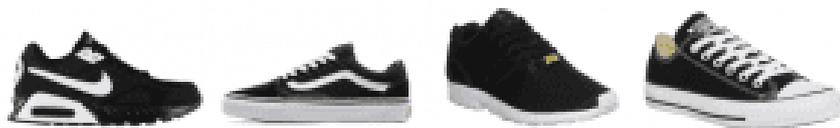
Plain Black Footwear.

Please take a look below at some examples of suitable and unsuitable School shoes. Thank you for your support around this.

Suitable Footwear



Unsuitable footwear



Please note that we will be having a 'pre-loved' uniform stall at Family Learning Day in December. If any parents have any Springwell uniform that is in good condition that they would like to donate for the stall, that would be much appreciated.

Pastoral Team

Please remember that 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)**

Below are reminders of some key dates in the autumn/winter term:

September:

Friday 27th September – Macmillan Coffee Morning – further details via school comms, twitter and our website nearer the time

October:

Friday 11th October – INSET day – both academies closed to pupils

Friday 25th October – both academies close for half term

November:

Monday 4th November – academies re-open to pupils

Tuesday 26th November - School Photographer

Friday 29th November – INSET day – academies closed to pupils

December:

Monday 9th December – INSET day – academies closed to pupils

Friday 13th December – Christmas jumper day

Wednesday 18th December – Family Learning Day – parents and carers meet teachers and staff to discuss progress and achievement

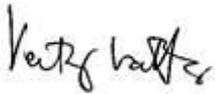
Friday 20th December – Special Academy Christmas Concert (AM – more details nearer the time).

Friday 20th December – both academies close for the Christmas holidays

Monday 6th January – both academies re-open to pupils

May I take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and look forward to seeing you at Family Learning Day or one of our other events over the forthcoming year.

With best wishes,



Verity Watts
Associate Executive Principal