

Special Provision Partnership



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Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't believe we are here in the final week of the summer term! Although all of our daily routines and the way in which we have worked have been totally different, I very much hope that everyone is looking forward to the summer holidays for a chance to have a well-earned break.

With regards to September we know there will be many questions and possible apprehension. Updated Government guidance means that we have started making firm plans and arrangements for September. Although our ways of working will be different, our intention is to fully open to all students. Our students will continue to work in bubbles and enhanced cleaning schedules will remain in place. We are currently in the process of updating our whole-school risk assessments. We hope that this will provide answers and security as to how we plan to support both staff and students to ensure a safe and careful return to school for all; which I know is so important to us all.

Reports

Your child's end of year school reports have been posted and should be with you early next week. This year they will be a little more personal and reflect on the nature of the learning up until the start of the lockdown period. You will also find some guidance attached which will hopefully provide a better understanding around how to read your child's report. As always, should you have any questions about the report please don't hesitate to contact the school.

Transition

We know that many of our children and young people struggle with change. Unfortunately, we have been unable to do the transition work that we would normally do in order to help prepare our pupils and support them to adapt to the changes involved in moving classes. For this reason we have put a plan in place for the first week in September to help support this transition. Your child's timetable will look slightly different during the first week of term with identified groups attending transition visits. Your child's new class teacher will be in touch to support with the change and discuss how this will look. The updated guidance states that it is 'compulsory' for all children to return to school at the start of the next academic year and we will do all we can to support with this transition.

Our School Values

At Springwell Learning Community, every individual is valued for who they are and what they contribute to the school. Through having a set of values, of which we are proud of, we aim to raise standards by promoting a school ethos which supports the development of all of our young people within a calm, caring, happy and purposeful atmosphere.

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Our values have been selected after consultation with pupils, staff, governors and parents. We are proud of our school values. It has become very clear that these values are important to our Springwell community and we very much look forward to promoting and celebrating them from September.

- Kindness
- Courage
- Curiosity
- Pride



By kindness we mean:	By courage we mean:	By curiosity we mean:	By pride we mean:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Being polite, caring and helpful● Listening to each other● Accepting difference	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Turning up every day● Trying new things● Not giving up - even when things are really hard	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Exploring new ways of working● Asking questions● Using our imagination	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Celebrating achievements● Always trying our best● Looking after ourselves, each other and our school

Our Core Day

In April I wrote to you proposing that in order to improve pupil engagement and support the further development of our curriculum we make some slight adjustments to the structure of the school day. I pleased to report that the feedback was positive and as a result from September the formal day will start at 09:00 and finish at 14:30 with clubs and other activities taking place until 15:30. On Friday, the school day will be extended until 13:30.

General information

Mobile Phones, computer games and other electronic gadgets

Prior to lockdown, a real focus for us as a Learning Community was to ensure the very best climate for learning so that our students were fully prepared for lessons and any distraction eliminated. To support this, students handed in their phones and electronic gadgets to the class teacher at the start of the school day, they were locked away and returned at the end of the day. I am very proud of the way our students accepted this change with respect and maturity.

This will continue in September and we look forward to seeing these expectations continuing to have a positive impact on teaching and learning. Thank you for your support around around this.

Uniform

Springwell Learning Community is proud of having high standards of presentation for all students and their uniforms. We ask parents and carers for their full cooperation in this matter in September.

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 and black trousers.

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 and sweat shirts cost £9.00. 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



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Future Dates and Events

Please find attached to this letter the school calendar for next academic year. Please note that dates and times for events are also on the school website, sent out on twitter and via text message. You can access the school twitter account @SpringwellLC. Please follow us! 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. **Please ensure that school has an up to date mobile phone number and email address, so that you can receive updates.**

Although I know the end to the summer term, isn't what we anticipated, I am very proud of how as a community we have come together and the resilience we have all shown. Let's finish with September in mind and look toward a brighter and more 'normal' way of being together. It is certainly something that is keeping me going.

Take care and I look forward to sharing more updates as we continue to plan and adapt.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Danny Ross'.

Danny Ross
Executive Vice Principal



September (22 Days)

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

October (17 Days)

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

November (21 Days)

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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December (14 Days)

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

January (20 days)

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

February (15 days)

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28

March (20 Days)

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

April (15 Days)

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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

May (19 Days)

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
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10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

June (18 Days)

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

July (14 Days)

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
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19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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August

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

- Denotes Bank Holidays
- Denotes INSET Days
- Denotes School Holidays

195 days – including 5 days to be taken as professional development days for teaching staff