

Special Provision Partnership



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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome Back!

It is with great pleasure that we welcome you back to the new school year. We hope this letter finds you and your loved ones safe and well. Over the last few weeks, you will have heard a significant amount on the news about the reopening of schools. We appreciate this has led to some anxieties, so we want to share details of our plans to help keep everyone as safe as possible.

The government has determined that all pupils, in all year groups, will return to school full-time this term. To support this ambition, we have written a Risk Assessment in line with a system of controls shared by the DfE in August. This Risk Assessment will remain a working document and will be reviewed and updated on a regular basis. It has been shared and approved by our local governing body and the Local Authority.

System of controls

This is the set of actions we will take as a school. They are grouped into 'prevention' and 'response to any infection.'

Prevention:

1. We will minimise contact with anyone who is unwell by ensuring that those who have coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms, or who have someone in their household who does, do not attend school.
2. Where recommended, staff will wear face coverings in schools. At this stage we will not ask children to wear face coverings.
3. We will clean our hands thoroughly and more often than usual and encourage children and young people to do the same.
4. We will promote the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach.
5. We will continue our enhanced cleaning regime.
6. We will minimise contact between individuals and maintain social distancing wherever possible by working in two separate school bubbles.
7. Where necessary, we will wear appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE).

Response to any infection:

8. When necessary we will engage with the NHS Test and Trace process.
9. We will manage confirmed cases of coronavirus (COVID-19) amongst the school community by following local health protection team advice.

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There are some additional arrangements we need to make on a temporary basis. This includes the careful management of transport at the start and end of the school day to reduce congestion and ensure effective social distancing.

You will see that everyone has an important role to play in keeping everyone safe. We ask that you continue to communicate with the Pastoral Team and, importantly, if your child or anyone in your home has symptoms, do not attend school. To support pupils who have to self-isolate for a short period of time we will:

- Provide daily learning activities through Seesaw.
- Send homework packs where internet access is unavailable.
- Make telephone contact at least once a week.
- Provide ongoing support through the usual communication channels.

Our 2020 leavers

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all our 2020 leavers. This summer many young people transitioned to Further Education providers with the majority accessing Barnsley College on courses ranging from catering to construction. Although we could not hold our normal end of year celebrations, pupils enjoyed taking part in an online celebration event in which they wished their friends the very best of luck.

Our 2020 starters

We would also like to welcome the children and families who are joining us for the very first time. We know that starting a new school can be an anxious time - without joining in the middle of a global pandemic. Please feel free to contact your class teachers if you have any questions, big or small! We look forward to working with you.

Taxis

School taxis are now operated through Barnsley Council School Transport Department. If you need to discuss your child's transport arrangements, please contact them on 01226 774233.

New policies

On the school website you can find any updated policies or information about the school's ongoing response to COVID-19. We draw your attention in particular this term to the updated *Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults policy* and *Behaviour for Learning policy*. The website can be accessed at www.springwelllearningcommunity.co.uk. Policies are also available on request.

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We will continue to communicate throughout the term via our newsletter, by text and telephone. You can also stay up to date with what is happening at Springwell by following our Twitter page (@SpringwellLC) and on our website you will also be able to follow your child's class blog to see what they have been learning and enjoying in school. Please get in touch if you have any specific questions or concerns. We are extremely grateful for your continued support and look forward to seeing you online or in person as and when we are able.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Wilson'.

Sarah Wilson
Executive Principal