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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you safe and well.

As we begin this half-term at the start of a national lockdown, I would like to thank you for your ongoing support and confidence in our systems of control. The support we receive from our community makes a huge difference and helps us provide calmness at a time of uncertainty and anxiety for some.

We are incredibly proud of all the pupils for the way that they have coped with the protective measures in school and adjusted to the new routines and restrictions. Last term, we continued to see examples of brilliant learning. The work produced in our Elements Curriculum around Superheroes and National Poetry Day were particular highlights. The visit from Dominic Heslop, a spoken word artist, inspired the pupils to not only write but to perform some fantastic poetry in front of their peers. We have more to be excited for this term, so please make sure that you follow us on Twitter to keep up to date with everything that is happening.

Face Coverings

As the infection rate in Barnsley and South Yorkshire increases, we continue to respond accordingly. This week we have introduced the wearing of face coverings for all adults in school, in all indoor spaces, excluding classrooms and where social distancing is not possible. This is working well. At Springwell, we consider all pupils to be exempt from wearing a face covering in any area of the school. That said however, if parents/carers wish to provide their child with a face covering then they may be used on the same basis as staff. We will continue to review our procedures in line with national guidance and will tighten/relax them as and when appropriate. We appreciate your support on this matter.

Forthcoming Fund Raising Charity & School Events

This year, Children in Need is on Friday, 13th November. As with previous years, all of the children and staff are invited to Pudsey's pyjama party. For a donation of £1, the children can come to school in their favourite onesie or pyjamas.

On Friday 11th December, we will celebrate Christmas Jumper Day. In return for a donation of £1, the children and staff are welcome to wear their daftest, most wonderful woolly jumpers to help raise funds for Save the Children. As with all charity events, they are entirely optional and the children can come to school in their school uniform if they prefer.

We are looking forward to the term ahead. Our annual Kindness Week in November will focus on the importance of small acts of kindness and how kind thoughts as well as words and deeds are what make Springwell a happy place to learn. We are all disappointed that this year we will be unable to

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see the pride on our pupil's faces as they perform their Christmas production to a packed audience; however, we are working hard to ensure that we can come together virtually to celebrate all our achievements.

Although I have no doubt that there will be further challenges ahead, we are confident that with your support, we can continue to keep our pupils and staff focused on learning and as safe as possible.

Take care and stay safe,

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

Danny Ross
Head of School

Key dates for the diary – Spring Term 2020

Children in Need Day: **Friday 13th November**
Individual School Photos: **Tuesday 24th November**
Christmas Jumper Day: **Friday 11th December**
Academies close for Christmas: **Friday 18th December**
Academies open for Term 3: **Monday 4th January**