

6th January

Start of Spring Term 2021

Dear parents and carers

Thank you for the patience you have shown this week. As you can imagine, responding to government announcements that are made late at night and guidance that continues to arrive is not an easy task. Over the last few days, however, our staff have worked tirelessly to implement the new measures and I hope you feel reassured that our plans are evolving with the health, safety and wellbeing of our entire community at the forefront of our minds. When working at pace in an ever-changing environment there are, of course, things we may miss. If your circumstances have changed or if you require additional guidance or support, please get in touch with a member of the Pastoral Team.

Remote Learning

Remote learning is now being provided for pupils who are working at home. Lessons and activities can be accessed via SeeSaw. Your child's log in details were sent home prior to Christmas, however if you have any questions or require any help with remote learning then please email homelearningsupport@springwellacademies.co.uk.

Annual Reviews

If you have an annual review booked over the coming weeks, this will take place virtually as planned. If you are no longer able to attend this meeting, please get in touch and we can rearrange it to a more convenient time.

Free School Meals

We are waiting for further information from the government about the distribution of Free School Meals. In the meantime, if your child is in receipt of Free School Meals and is working from home, a member of the pastoral team will call to discuss your needs.

Testing

You may have heard in the news that the government would like to introduce a programme of mass-testing for children and young people in year 7 and above. The objective of this programme is to help keep bubbles open, safeguarding the health of pupils and staff and break chains of transmission. Testing will be entirely voluntary and will not happen without your consent. At this stage we are still waiting for information and guidance about next steps but we'll be in touch with further details as soon as we are able.

Responding to the coronavirus pandemic continues to be extremely challenging for every member of our school community. We continue to do our very best and are working closely with the Local Authority to coordinate our offer. We are extremely grateful for your support. We are here to help with every resource we have available so please do get in touch if there is anything you need.

With best wishes and thanks,

Sarah Wilson

Executive Principal