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Dear Parents/Carers,

Today you will have received your child's end of year report. You will notice that the teachers have only been able to provide an academic judgement based on where your child was just before lockdown (March 2020). If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact school when we return in the new term.

As we move towards the last few days of term, I thought I would update you all with what you can expect when the new academic year starts.

Return to Full Time Education

You will have heard on the news that the Department of Education has announced that they are pushing ahead for all children to return to full time education at the start of the autumn term. As a school, I would like to take this opportunity to reassure you that we will be ensuring that robust risk assessments and proportionate control measures continue to be enforced in preparation for your child's return. Some of these measures will involve ensuring that:

- robust hand and respiratory hygiene rules continue to be followed by all
- enhanced cleaning arrangements
- arranging classrooms with forward facing desks where possible
- contact between year groups kept to a minimum
- social distancing is practiced where practically possible
- staff maintain distance from pupils as much as possible
- we avoid large gatherings such as assemblies with more than one group
- lunchtime and breaktime is staggered along with pick up and drop off times
- staff wear PPE equipment where necessary

In March when the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak was increasing, the government made it clear that no parent would be penalised or sanctioned for their child's non-attendance at school. Please note that this will be changing from the start of the autumn term when the usual rules on attendance will be applied. This includes:

- parents' duty to ensure that their child attends school regularly where they are of compulsory school age
- our responsibility to record attendance and follow up absence
- the availability to issue sanctions, including fixed penalty notices in line with local authorities' codes of conduct

Staggered start times and finish times

As part of our risk assessment we will be continuing with staggered start and finish times- that we introduced on June 1st -for when the children start in September along with a one-way system. (This will not apply for children that are accessing the minibus service)



Please find below the times, along with information on which entrance you will need to arrive at. For those of you that have children in multiple year groups, please could you follow the times for your youngest child, for all siblings.

Year Group	Drop Off	Pick Up	Entrance
Reception- Gruffalos	8:35 am	TBC	Front gate- Oxford Rd
Year 1- Marvels	8:45 am	2:55 pm	Front gate- Oxford Rd
Year 2- Fantastic Foxes	8:55 am	3:05 pm	Front gate- Oxford Rd
Year 3- Avengers	9:05 am	3:15 pm	Front gate- Oxford Rd
Year 4- Hogwarts	8:35 am	2:55 pm	Rear gate- Crowther Street
Year 5- Hobbits	8:45 am	3:05 pm	Rear gate- Crowther Street
Year 6- BFGs	8:55 am	3:15 pm	Rear gate- Crowther Street

I would like to stress that it is vitally important that we all adhere to these times and are punctual. For any families that arrive late, please note that your child(ren) may end up having to wait until the group in front has been taken into school.

Minibus Service

For parents, who in the past have met the criteria for accessing the school minibus service, we will once again be operating this from September- from the same pick up point at 8:30am. If you would like to access this service could you please contact school and let us know on **Tuesday 1st September**. Please be assured that this service will be aligned as far as possible to the controls set out in our school risk assessment. This means that we will be:

- Enforcing the use of hand sanitisers upon boarding and disembarking
- Ensuring that the minibus is subject to additional cleaning
- Enforcing organised queuing and boarding where possible
- Use of face coverings where applicable- for children who will come into contact with children outside their group
- Ensuring that the minibus staff wear face coverings.

School Uniform

During lockdown (for key worker children and those attending school from June 1st, 2020) we relaxed our uniform policy and allowed the children to attend school in non-uniform. From September all children will be expected to return to school in full uniform. I would therefore encourage you to familiarise yourselves with what the Uniform Policy by accessing the school website at:

www.springfieldps.lancs.sch.uk

Family and Pupil Support

Given that the majority of the children will not have been in school for about six months when we come back in September, I am aware that we may well have some children that display a range of emotions such as stress, anxiety and low moods, whilst others will be keen and ready to get back in.

In order to ensure that this transition back into school is as smooth as possible, the pastoral team consisting of Mrs Elliott, Mrs Wilson, Mrs Phipps and Mrs Moffitt will be on hand to provide individual support and work with families for those children that may struggle. If you feel that this may apply to your child, please do let us know.

As a school we take the mental health and wellbeing of our children and families very seriously. For this reason, when we start back in September all children will be undertaking additional PSHCE lessons around rebuilding of friendships and social engagement. The pastoral team will also be on hand to lead on any concerns that individual children may have through bespoke learning mentor programmes and 1:1 time to talk sessions. More focused pastoral support will also be available for children and families, that draws upon external support for families that may have suffered trauma or bereavement whilst school has been partially closed.

Behaviour Expectations

I am aware that adverse experiences, coupled with lack of routines due to school closure for the last few months may contribute to disengagement with learning for some children, when they return to school in September. This could therefore potentially result in increased incidences of poor behaviour. As a school we are committed to working with any children who may struggle to re-engage and could potentially be at risk of being absent and/or persistently disruptive, to help them reintegrate back into school life. In light of this, I will over the Summer break be updating our school behaviour policy which sets out reasonable and proportionate expectations of pupil behaviour. This policy will include an additional section around consequences for poor behaviour particularly in relation to restrictions on movement within school and hygiene rules. Once this has been ratified by the governors, you will be able to access this on our school website.

Staffing from September 2020

Class	Teacher
Reception- Gruffalos	Miss Harrison and Mr Coates
Year 1- Marvels	Miss Zahran
Year 2- Fantastic Foxes	Mrs Brown
Year 3- Avengers	Mrs Russell
Year 4- Hogwarts	Mrs Lambert
Year 5- Hobbits	Mrs Staples
Year 6- BFGs	Mr Douglas

Sadly, we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Ahmed and Mrs Abbas who will be leaving us at the end of this term. I am sure you will all join me in thanking them for all the hard work and commitment that they have shown, whilst they have been at Springfield. In addition, I would also like to wish Mrs Atkin, the best of luck as she starts her maternity leave in the autumn term.

Term dates

The new term will be starting on Wednesday 2nd September 2020 for Years 1-6. Reception children will be starting on Monday 7th September 2020, initially on a part time basis.

Goodbye and Good Luck

Usually at this time of year, our year 6 children would have been getting ready to perform their end of year leavers assembly. Unfortunately, this year, this has not been possible. I would therefore like to wish all of our wonderful Y6 children the very best of luck as they start the next chapter of their educational journey. We all have very fond memories of you, that we will all cherish.

Thank you

Finally, on behalf of the governors I would just like to take this opportunity to thank all the school community for the way that you all came together to work collaboratively, in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic. As parents, I appreciate that this will have been a really tough couple of months, so thank you for supporting your children with all the remote learning that they have undertaken at home. Thank you also to the staff for working tirelessly over what has been an usual year. I am extremely proud of how they have ensured that we continue to provide an outstanding service to our children and families under challenging circumstances.

Stay safe over the summer break-I look forward to welcoming you all back in September.

With very best wishes to you all!

Mrs Samaira Nasim
Headteacher