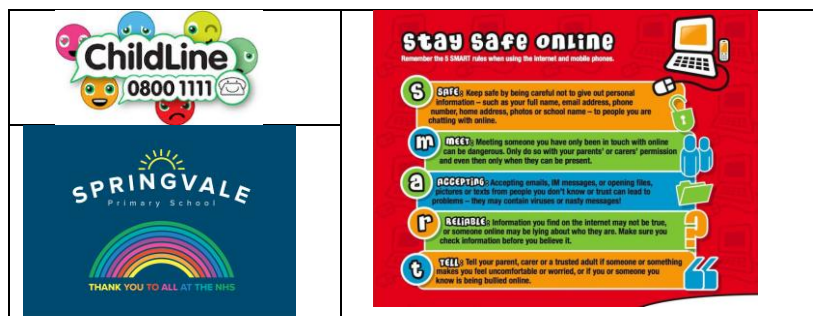


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Transition Plans – all year groups

Dear families,

We are delighted with the very high percentage of pupils, who have returned to school, in the targeted, key year groups and the support that we have provided through this pandemic to our vulnerable and key worker groups. Since the 1st June our attendance has soared, and we continue to have an excellent health and safety record. We have felt a real strain since June 1st in terms of the children who are not in school at this time. Our ethos is that we value every child and family equally, and we have tried to maintain our care, guidance and support for all pupils through excellent home learning. We have also managed to have some contact with home, as well as discos, assemblies and many other special projects and features. We have also been working really hard to plan a strong and safe transition for pupils moving to new classes. The complexity of mixing bubbles, cleaning and new capacity guidelines have scuppered most of our plans, but we are delighted to confirm the following plans in three stages.

Information Sharing for Families

The EYFS welcome meeting took place last night with excellent attendance, thank you! We have recorded the meeting if anyone would like to access it again, or if you missed it, please just let us know. We have also launched welcome videos and a virtual tour on our Twitter feed and through email. New Y1-Y6 pupils (current F2 to Y5) will receive an emailed PowerPoint with information on Monday 6th July from their new class teacher for September, as well as a welcome letter **or** short introduction video. Please look at this as a parent/carer, and then share it with your child as this will help them to understand and expect the changes.

Transition Arrangements for Pupils

Our ongoing, remote support for children in Year 2-5 groups demonstrates how hard this is becoming, especially as the weeks go on. With this in mind we would like to offer 2 sessions of face-to-face support before the Summer Holidays for each year group, who are currently not invited in to school. I know this is a limited time, but it will break the long absence up and hopefully boost children just before the Summer Holidays. We will use the hall for these sessions and they will be led by Mr McClure (wellbeing and physical input) and Mrs Fearn (Literacy and maths). We will set up input from your child's current and new teachers too during the sessions as well as a tour of the new classroom from September, but only via zoom or at a safe distance, as all staff are currently ensconced in their own teaching bubbles for other children which need to be managed very carefully for their own safety and that of the children in their bubble. Please note that children in current F2 or Y1 will get the same opportunities to 'meet' their new teacher virtually during their time in school over the last two weeks. Details, specific timings and links will be sent home to join the virtual experiences for those who have chosen to stay at home.

Re: Y2-Y5 face-to-face sessions, we have limited availability for toilets and dining facilities so we will only be able to offer a session of 9.30am to 12.30pm so that children can have lunch when they return home. We will teach some English and maths, as well as providing different wellbeing tasks and outdoor play. If children could please bring a carrier bag on day one to collect their work for this year?! At the end of the second session all children will receive a pack of summer activities (including a little Summer Project workbook to write in) linked to all areas of the curriculum. We hope that it keeps their brains ticking and focused ready for our COVID-response curriculum to kick-in when we return in September.

The days for each year group are:

Current Y5 (new Y6) Monday 6th July and Tuesday 7th July

Current Y4 (new Y5) Thursday 9th July and Friday 10th July

Current Y3 (new Y4) Monday 13th July and Tuesday 14th July

Current Y2 (new Y3) Thursday 16th July and Friday 17th July

The Wednesdays are left free for a deeper clean in the hall between groups and a deeper clean will also take place each Friday afternoon/evening.

While this is a short time in school for each pupil, we are delighted to offer every child in school a chance to return to school before the Summer Holiday. We have seen the difference being in school makes to pupils and their wellbeing, so we hope that these days will give pupils a spring in their step for the Summer and remove many of their worries and anxieties before their return in September. We will initially offer this opportunity to children who have not been in school during the closure but we will- for the outdoor play part of the session- ensure that children in the emergency group are given an opportunity to see their classmates from a safe distance. **Parents should book their child's place via reply to this email please.**

Children do not need to wear uniform but they should bring a clean water bottle each day and a snack, plus some basic stationery in a carrier bag or rucksack. If the children could also bring their own, labelled hand gel that would be very useful, but we will have some in school as well as access to hand washing facilities. Parents should follow the signs for the one way system, drop off at the hall doors, and then return at 12.30pm to collect from the hall doors: adhering to safe practice and staying 2 metres away from other families at all times.

F1 and F2 transition (now planned for September, as shared at the welcome meeting)

As children need to be accompanied by a parent for these visits it is unlikely that we can offer the usual transition days pre-Summer holidays and ensure the safety of pupils, parents and staff. With that in mind we have set out the following plan for a safer and smoother return to school for nursery and reception pupils in the new academic year.

Week commencing Monday 31st August

Monday 31st August- Bank Holiday- closed to pupils

Tuesday 1st September- INSET Day- closed to pupils

Wednesday 2nd to Friday 4th September: Pupils will be invited in for one session **with one parent** (we hope to be able to offer this to more than one parent at a later date if the situation allows it). If parents are separated and accessing with one parent is not viable please contact us. We would also not be able to allow other siblings to visit on these transition days. This will either be 9.30am-11.30am or 12.30pm to 2.30pm on one of the three days. This will limit visitors to 10 people entering the classrooms at any one time. Children will play in a small group with staff present. As much of the day as possible will be outdoors to allow parents and pupils to play together with our staff. If the weather is poor parents will spend some time with school leaders learning more about our school's offer and ethos before re-joining the children to observe them playing happily with new friends. **You will be informed of your day/time in the next three weeks.**

Week commencing Monday 7th September

Nursery sessions begin as planned from Monday 7th in their dedicated daily slot and ongoing from there.

Reception begin to attend from Monday 7th September

Monday surname A-L 8.40am to 11.40am and surname M-Z 12.10pm to 3.10pm

Tuesday all pupils 8.40am to 12.15pm (no lunch provisions)

Wednesday all pupils 8.40am to 1.30pm (lunch provided)

Thursday, and onwards, all pupils 8.40am to 3.10pm

We have tried so hard to plan a more significant, social transition for pupils but the safety risks are, sadly, too significant and complex at this time. We hope that, from July 4th, families can arrange their own social opportunities for children within the guidelines to support those needs further. We hope that parents can see how much hard work has gone in to these plans. They are completely optional, but they provide additional information and experiences to support what is always a challenging time of year for young people as they experience change either side of the Summer break.

Stay safe everyone and thank you for your continued outstanding support.

Kind Regards

Mr L McClure

Headteacher