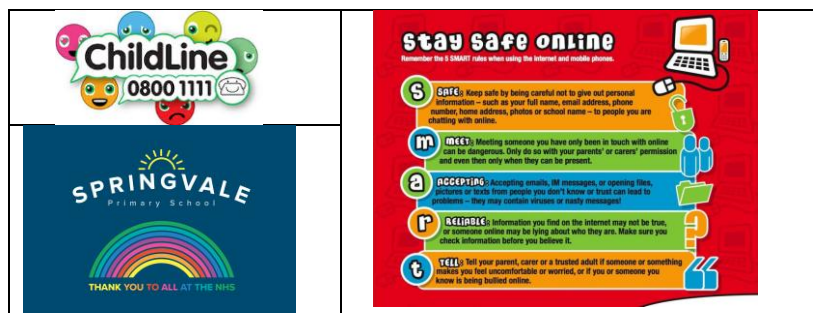


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Newsletter Week 1- Frequently Asked Questions about Returning to School Monday 31st August

Dear families,

Welcome to our first weekly newsletter of the academic year! We look forward to welcoming back Y1-Y6 pupils on Wednesday. All Y1-Y6 need to be dropped off (unless they are Y5/6 and have prior permission to walk to school) at the back of school (near the cycle storage at the side of the steps to the field). We will post some videos on Twitter tomorrow to help parents and pupils to visualise how things will look! Please ensure that you stay very close to the timings given each day. Staff will not be in position well before the given times so early arrivals will create unnecessary queues whilst preventing adequate social distancing.

Risk Assessment Update: We enclose our most up-to-date for your records. Please do take a look through it and ask any questions/raise any concerns that you may have about our approach. We also enclose our COVID home school agreement. **You do not need to return this document for the new school year but we stand by the content**, the key to being successful and keeping everyone safe is by us following our plans in school and families supporting our work by remaining COVID-safe at home and in any extra-curricular activities that children do out of school or social visits, etc.

Initial Plans for Autumn Term: Please find enclosed a calendar for the next academic year and a suggested planner of events. The events are all subject to health and safety guidance- we will keep you updated on each event as soon as we can! We expect that most events which require mass attendance (Harvest, Disco, Parents' Evening) will be cancelled or at least adapted significantly.

Class names next year: This year's class names will be themed around NHS and medical heroes!

F1 Rainbow Rangers

Year 1 Nina's Neurons

Year 3 Courageous Colonel Moore's

Year 5 Hippocrates' Heroes

F2 Dr Ranj's Rangers

Year 2 Sensational Seacoles

Year 4 Fantastic Flemings

Year 6 Winston's Wonders

FAQ details: Most items are addressed in the text below but here are some extras.

1. Temperatures and wet play times. Quality and ongoing ventilation is one of the key strategies used to keep everyone safe so we will have windows and doors (where safe to do so) open throughout the school day. This worked well in the summer term but as the Penistone winter approaches we need staff and pupils to be ready with warm clothing and extra layers! We will regulate the conditions and temperatures indoor but please provide the layers to give pupils options and rest assured that staff will look after the children and encourage appropriate choices of clothing. Please ensure that all clothing is clearly labelled too with either full name or name and class. A coat is always needed for outdoor play too as we will try to get out in all but the worst weather to aid regular fresh air and allow us to clean the classrooms during the day.
2. Bringing in food/treats. Please ensure that treats or birthday baking is not brought in to school for the time being. Packed lunch boxes and water bottles need to be cleaned daily before being brought back in to school. Nuts are not allowed in school at any time.
3. Music tuition is returning and is being planned very carefully. Look out for a summary email from Miss Chapman very soon with full details.
4. Families with two or more children can either contact us to arrange a family drop off time or they can bring the family at the first drop off time applicable and leave the other child(ren) in the hall who will need to bring a book to enjoy whilst supervised by staff and distanced from other children.
5. Children can bring a bag or backpack but we would encourage them to leave it in school all week. A good suggestion would be to bring a PE kit and any other items required and keep them in the bag in school. A book bag can then be taken home and returned today as we aim to get back in to good habits around daily reading as well as phonics/spelling work and multiplication skills, etc.
6. What does my child need to bring in their pencil case? Only children in years Y2-Y6 require a pencil case and we have spare resources if you haven't had chance to get the items required. Y2-Y6 require pencil,

pen, ruler, rubber and pencil sharpener. Some simple coloured pencils will also help to minimise unnecessary moving around/mixing with others in classrooms. The pencil case should stay in school.

7. Childcare can now be used but we ask that this is limited to sessions that must be used to limit mixing and we ask that any childcare providers contact us with details of their risk assessment procedures and to agree a group drop off and pick up time.
8. Children can still bring their own hand sanitiser but it should be clearly labelled and kept in school in a safe place (drawer, bag, etc).

Stay safe everyone and welcome back!

Kind Regards, Mr L McClure, Headteacher

Key Information for 2020/21

School Uniform: All back to normal. Uniform and PE kit back in place. Plain, black shoes. Name in all items.
Equipment: F1 to Y1 all provided. Y2-Y6 to bring their own pencil case and stationery please.
Clubs: All end at 4.30pm. All classes Y1-Y6 offered at least one club per term, offer rotated. Subsidised.
Visits: Will return where dully risk assessed and safe enough to attend. Y5 to Murton Park planned.
Visitors: Limited. Only allowed access by appointment. Parents and guests to stay out of the building.
Temperature Checks: Remain daily for all pupils and staff. All visitors to have temperature taken.
PPA cover/specialist teaching: All plans made to reduce the number of pupils taught. Limited to 3 groups.
Drop off: Limited numbers please- 1 parent maximum. One way system in operation for drop-off/collection.
Playtimes: Taken in zones with a maximum of 3 classes at once, one in each zone.
Assemblies: All online, mid-morning. Normal themes and timetables followed.
Leadership: Leaders assigned to key times and for safeguarding/medical support needs.
Staffing: All staff to return unless medically unable to do so.
Punctuality: Late arrivals logged and discussed with parents. Need for all parents to arrive at precise times.
Breakfast Clubs: Cannot go ahead at this time.
Events/shows: Will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis and online version attempted if needed/possible.
Dress up/down days: Will be limited but we will still plan some to support charitable causes.
Water Bottles: Needed in school every day. Must be cleaned and returned every day.
Book Bags: They will return for any homework, books, reading diaries. Daily reading is vital.
Catch-up: We have plans to assess, track and review all pupil progress more closely in all subjects.
Curriculum: The curriculum will return in full. Some extra/extended content like handwriting/mental maths.
Transition: Please ensure that you have seen relevant letters and Powerpoints and shared with pupils.
Holiday Requests: Every single minute of available education counts so we discourage term-time holidays.
Homework: Homework projects, tasks and expectations around reading, spelling and x table skills return.
Home Learning: We expect that all pupils will return unless they have a significant medical reason.
Work to support shielding/at risk: We will share some examples of class work via email but it will be limited.
School meals: A new three-week menu will begin on our return with several options. Vegetarian options TBC
Music Tuition: Will resume soon- await more information! Please contact us if you want to start learning!
Ukulele lessons: New Y4 will continue to October half term and then new Y3 will learn Nov 20 to July 21.
School meals: See timings below. Children will eat as a class keeping a safe distance from other classes.
SMSA mixing: Lunchtime staff will stay with their group and track them between the hall and the playground.
Where do we go to drop off/collect? Nursery/reception at the class doors. Others at rear of school near Y6.
What do siblings do until their class time? Sit in the hall with a book. Must be sensible and on task.
Class Times: See below. Families to arrive at the earliest sibling time and collect at the last sibling time.
Milk and Fruit: We expect these to return soon and will update further on costs/refunds from this year.

Class	Start	End	Playtime	Lunch
Year 6	8.30am	3.30pm	10.50-11.10am	12.30-1.30pm (1pm lunch)
Nursery	8.35am	11.35am or 2.35pm (30h)	Outdoor Learning	11.35-12.05pm lunch
Reception	8.40am	3.00pm	Outdoor learning	12-1.00pm (12noon lunch)
Year 1	8.45am	3.05pm	10.15-10.35am	12-1.00pm (12.20 lunch)
Year 2	8.50am	3.10pm	10.15-10.35am	12.30-1.30pm (12.25 lunch)
Year 3	8.55am	3.15pm	10.15-10.35am	12.30-1.30pm (12.30 lunch)
Year 4	9.00am	3.20pm	10.50-11.10am	12.30-1.30pm (1pm lunch)
Year 5	9.05am	3.25pm	10.50-11.10am	12.30-1.30pm (1pm lunch)
Assembly Online 10.35-10.50am				

