



Dear Parents,

Welcome back

A warm welcome to all of the new and existing parents. It has been lovely to see everyone back and all of the staff are looking forward to teaching your children—we have missed them. I hope you managed to have a good summer.

It has been a strange few months and we have all had to deal with situations that we never expected to face. It has been so nice to see everyone back and see your children being so positive. I am sure that some children (and parents) were anxious about coming back to school—this is a normal reaction and to be expected. I hope that this anxiety has reduced and that the children are getting used to the new systems. Around the school, the children seem happy and are enjoying being back. Their manners and behaviour have been excellent.

We recognise that the children will now have gaps in their learning and once the children have settled in, we will identify these and adapt the teaching to meet their needs.

Yours sincerely,

F. Anderson

Start and end of the school day

Thank you for cooperating with the new routines. We are having a staggered start and end of the school day to try and reduce the number of adults on the school site. Each class has a 5 minutes drop-off and collection time. Please only come onto the school grounds during this time and leave promptly.

If you have more than one child, drop them off at the earliest time and collect them at the latest.

The times are:

Arrival:

- 8:45 - 8:50am – Year 1 and Year 2
- 8:50 - 8:55am – Year 4 and Year 5
- 8:55 – 9:00am – Reception and Year 3
- 9:00 – 9:05am – Nursery and Year 6

Collection:

- 3:05 – 3:10pm – Year 1 and Year 2
- 3:10 – 3:15pm – Year 4 and Year 5
- 3:15 – 3:20pm – Reception and Year 3
- 3:20 – 3:25pm – Nursery and Year 6

To reduce the number of adults on the school site, can only one adult come with the children. Older children can walk into the grounds on their own.

Please socially distance yourselves from other parents and leave the school’s grounds promptly when you have collected your child. It is not possible to give messages to the teacher at the classroom door.

Communicating with the school

Communication between home and school is important and normally I encourage parents to see class teachers after school - **this is not possible at present**. It is important that you collect and drop-off your children promptly.

To communicate with the school please telephone the school office (01782 973845) or email the office: office@springhead.staffs.sch.uk

If you get the answer phone, please leave a message. We are trying to avoid visitors coming to the school reception area— if you do need to come in, please wear a face mask.

I will continue to send a newsletter home every Friday. This will also be put onto the school website.

What to bring to school

We want the children to bring as little to school as possible. Please bring in their book bags and water bottles. All they will need for P.E. is pumps or trainers, they can keep these in school for their lessons.

Parent Governor Vacancy

We have got a vacancy for a Parent Governor on the school governing body. The Governors have an important role in shaping the direction of the school. There are usually 6 full governors meetings per year plus some committee meetings. Please contact me if you would like more information about the role and to get a nomination form. If you would like more information about the role of a school governor, please speak to me.

What to do if your child shows symptoms of Covid-19

The NHS says that the main symptoms are:

- **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you’ve noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Most people with coronavirus have at least 1 of these symptoms.

If your child has any one of these symptoms:

1. They must not come to school, inform the school
2. Get a test to check whether it is Coronavirus as soon as possible
3. Stay at home and do not have visitors
4. Other members of the household will need to stay at home until you have the results
5. Keep the school informed

If your child gets any of these symptoms at school, we will contact you so that you can collect your child and arrange to get them tested.

We recognise that these symptoms may also be symptoms of other illnesses - but it is important that they get tested for both your child’s safety and that of other children.

Travelling to and from school

Cars parked at the front of the school does cause congestion and makes it harder for people to socially distance on the way to school. Please avoid using your car if possible or if it is unavoidable, park further away from the school.

Freeport (Affinity) have said that they are happy for parents to use their car park. It is only a 5 minute walk from there to the school.

Staffordshire County Council have created a website with advice on travelling to school:

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