



Dear Parents and Carers

As we reach the end of this half term, I would like to begin this newsletter by congratulating the Springfield family. Congratulations to the staff for their tireless efforts to provide learning in a very new way. Congratulations to the parents who are managing to support their children's home learning in addition to all their other responsibilities. The biggest congratulations go to our amazing Springfield pupils, who have adapted to the new way of learning and are producing some amazing work.

I have really enjoyed joining the beginning and end of day calls and seeing the smiling faces of children and parents who are listening in. Joining your child on their calls will let you know what they should be doing for the day and what they should have learned throughout the day – I enjoyed doing the 'number rhumba' with reception children and look forward to joining them when we return to school.

You have an important role in ensuring your child is safe online. Even if you are not familiar with using the internet please ensure you know what your child is accessing online.

At the moment, we do not have a date for returning to school but we will communicate this with you as soon as we know.

*Ms Sasha Taylor*  
*Head of School*

### Things to do during the half term break

Children have spent numerous hours each day online.

When children are in school, we also provide many opportunities for them to work together and develop a variety of skills.

I would like to challenge children to complete as many of the activities listed below during the half term break and I would love to see pictures (please email them to [enquiry@springfieldacademy.org.uk](mailto:enquiry@springfieldacademy.org.uk)).

1. Bake a cake
2. Show kindness
3. Draw what you can see from your bedroom window
4. Read a book
5. Make pancakes
6. Go for a walk
7. Help a parent
8. Make a model out of junk
9. Decorate a garden rock
10. Do some form of exercise

### COVID Symptoms

If anyone in your household is displaying a high temperature, a new continuous cough or a loss of, or change to, their sense of smell or taste please remember the whole house needs to isolate.

Call 119 or use the link below to book a test.

<https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

**HELP US TO REDUCE THE TRANSMISSION OF THIS VIRUS AND STAY AT HOME.**

### Barnardo's Helpline

Barnardo's has a support service which can make a **positive** difference to the lives of Black, Asian and minority ethnic children, young people and their families impacted by Covid-19. If you have been affected by the pandemic and you need advice or someone to talk to, please call

**0800 1512605**  
**(Mon-Fri, from 1pm-8pm)**

You can find out more about the helpline here:  
[helpline.barnardos.org.uk/helpline](http://helpline.barnardos.org.uk/helpline)

## Website Information

There is a wealth of useful information on the school website that you can access.

In our COVID-19 section you will find:

Links to the latest Government documentation on education during the pandemic.

Parent information with links to sites to support you and your child's wellbeing.

Information on how to keep your child safe online.

Our Remote Learning section tells you what to expect from school and what we expect from you and your child. There are also some useful videos and documents to help you use Teams and access online learning.

If your child has additional needs the SEND section has links to websites and organisations that you may find useful for supporting your child.

If there is additional information that you would find useful on the website, please email the school, and let us know.

## Staying Safe Online

This week children have been learning the importance of staying safe online. With children spending more time on the internet than ever before it is important that parents and carers are aware of how to help their children stay safe online. The websites below offer valuable information.

<https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers>

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2019/education-packs/activities-parents-and-carers>

## Parent or Teacher?

We understand that working, parenting, and teaching are three different roles and normally we do the teaching. Try to get a routine for your children's learning and then support them to complete as much work as they can.

Encourage your child to join subject drop-in sessions on Teams if they are struggling and would like to speak to a teacher.

## Myschoolfund.org

Please register with [myschoolfund.org](https://myschoolfund.org) to earn rewards for our school. myschoolfund.org combines the spending power of parents, guardians and carers to help boost our school fund when shopping with top retailers like Sainsburys and Argos.

## Do you need our help?

Our pastoral manager Miss Stringer can provide support to families who may be struggling in any way. If you need help please email [enquiry@springfieldacademy.org.uk](mailto:enquiry@springfieldacademy.org.uk) or call 0121 464 3618 and ask to speak to Miss Stringer.

