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Dear Parents and Carers,

At the end of our third week in school, the children are settled and things are almost the way they used to be!

The children in 5 Blackman are the first in year 5 to benefit from our new swimming venue at King Edward's School in Edgbaston. The children return to school excited, inspired and motivated to develop their swimming skills.

I would like to thank all parents who are supporting our drive to improve attendance. This week there have been four classes with 100% attendance and another six classes with attendance above 96%.

Mrs Beech will be running the school council this year. Children who are interested in representing their classes will prepare presentations before elections take place. This is part of how we reinforce the British Value of democracy in school. The school council will be supporting us to achieve our Rights Respecting School award and helping us to fundraise for school projects.

Finally, if you would like to volunteer to help in school, please request a volunteer pack from the office. You will be required to complete an application form, undergo an advanced DBS (Disclosure and Barring List) check and provide the names of two people who can provide a reference.

Kindest Regards
Ms Taylor
Head of School

Attendance for WC 20.09.21

Whole School		
2019/ 2020	2020/ 2021	2021 to date
93.7	92.6	94.1

**Our attendance target
is 96%**

Class	Percentage
Nursery	100%
R Inkpen	97.4%
R McKee	98.5%
1 Donaldson	99.4%
1 Murphy	94.2%
2 Bloom	86.0%
2 Hoffman	92.5%
3 Fine	100%
3 Rauf	94.7%
4 Morpurgo	99.1%
4 Pullman	89.6%
4 Strong	95.8%
5 Blackman	84.8%
5 Boyce	96.8%
5 Zephaniah	94.9%
6 Dhami	94.0%
6 Gavin	98.8%
6 Naidoo	95.3%

If your child is displaying Coronavirus symptoms, please do not send them to school. Call the school office as soon as possible to inform us and then book a PCR test using the link below.

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

Other members of the household will not need to isolate unless symptomatic



HIGH TEMPERATURE



NEW PERSISTENT COUGH



LOSS OF SMELL



LOSS OF TASTE

PE KITS

All children should be wearing PE kits to school on their designated PE day.

PE kit should be shorts, leggings or jogging bottoms with a white t-shirt. Children should wear their school sweatshirt with their PE kit and remove it during physical activity.

Earrings should not be worn to school on PE days.

Monday	Y1 & Y2
Tuesday	Y3 & Y4
Wednesday	Y5 & Y6

RHSE Update

Following the consultations with parents in January 2020 and June 2021, we have revisited the Government RHSE documentation and at Springfield we will now be calling it the RHE policy as we are only teaching the Relationships and Health sections and not the 'S' element.

I have met with faith leaders and had discussions with local headteachers, including from faith schools to explore how they are delivering the RHE curriculum. Next week, I will be meeting with a consultant, who will be supporting us to further develop our RSE curriculum in a way that ensures all statutory requirements are met, children are receiving the education they deserve and it is community friendly.

Following this I will be asking for parents who would like to join myself, a faith leader and the consultant to discuss our proposed plans.

Parent Reading Workshops

During the Autumn Term Mrs Beale will be holding reading workshops for parents.

During the workshops, we will show parents how we teach reading at Springfield and how to support reading at home. Please look out for letters with the dates for your child's meeting. In the meantime, if you have any questions or would like some support with reading, please speak to your child's teacher at the end of the school day or make an appointment to speak to Mrs Beale.

End of Day Collection

When collecting children from Stratford Road gate, please line up on one side of the road and allow parents who have been waiting to enter the site first. We understand that it is not ideal, but until our building work is completed, we all need to work together to make dismissal time safe and manageable. Our priority is the safe dismissal of all Springfield children.

Dates for your Diary

12th October 2021 - Year 1 Reading workshop
9.00am

12th October 2021 – Parents evening

13th October 2021 – Parents evening

22nd October 2021 – Break up for Half Term

1st November 2021 – Return to school

24th November 2021 – Flu immunisations

17th December 2021 – Break up for Christmas

10th January 2022 – School photographer

Attendance Strategy

Thank you to all the parents who attended our Attendance Workshop last week. If you were unable to attend, please use the link below to view the slides that were shared.

[https://www.springfieldacademy.org.uk/admin/ckfinder/userfiles/files/Attendance%20strategy%20launch%20\(2\).pptx](https://www.springfieldacademy.org.uk/admin/ckfinder/userfiles/files/Attendance%20strategy%20launch%20(2).pptx)

We believe that Springfield is a GOOD school, however, we are very aware that with attendance levels significantly below the national average OFSTED may not give us the good grading that we deserve. Please help us by ensuring that your child attends school, on time, every day.

Please speak to Miss Stringer or a member of staff if you need help to ensure that your child attends school daily.