



Dear Parents/Guardians,

I am delighted to be writing to you as the recently appointed Head Teacher of Springfield. I feel extremely privileged to have the opportunity to lead such a special school. I will work with the whole community to build upon the success the school has already achieved under the superb leadership of Ms Judge. Having worked at Springfield for ten years, I have built strong relationships with children, staff, parents/carers and governors.

I am very pleased that Maudie Wyatt will be the Deputy Head Teacher. Maudie has taught across the key stages at Springfield and has led on both English and Maths teaching across the school. She is an incredible teacher and leader who is hugely passionate and dedicated, always putting the children at the heart of all the decisions she makes. Chantelle Phillips will also take on a new role as our Pastoral and Pupil Wellbeing Leader. Chantelle has fantastic relationships with both our children and wider community. In these times, her expertise and knowledge in providing a range of support for our children will be invaluable. Her door, like all of our doors, will always be open to any child or family who needs us, at any time. Mel Lines will also continue as SENCo. I know many of you have had lots of contact with Mel over this period and she has continued to ensure that the needs of all our children are met and that inclusion is at the heart of our practice. In collaboration with Ms Judge and these fantastic leaders, I have been making careful decisions about how to take the school forward at this uncertain time.

In response to the most recent government guidance, we are planning for a full reopening of the school in September. We all feel extremely positive about this and are really looking forward to welcoming back all our children. We will build on the experience we have gained during our partial reopening, keeping our classes in 'bubbles' and minimising risk by putting in place a number of additional routines and procedures. These will include frequent handwashing, additional cleaning, two staggered start and end times via different entrances, adjustments to classroom layout and playground zones. We will be in touch with you again before the end of term to let you know the arrangements that have been put in place for each class.

I am aware that some of you may be feeling anxious about the learning that was 'missed' this year and how this might impact on your child. I want to reassure you all that learning is what we do best at Springfield. It is true that certain aspects of the curriculum, such as phonics in EYFS and Year 1, have been interrupted but we will have a programme of support ready to begin in September to address this. However, in most other subjects, we will adjust our teaching to match the needs of the class, and individual children, as we have always done. We have always prided ourselves on our broad and balanced curriculum and that will not change. Your children will continue to be immersed in classrooms that engage, inspire and motivate them, with teachers who build strong relationships with them from the very first day.

Never has our school motto seemed so relevant. With our children back in their classrooms in September, we will continue to *Learn Together, Grow Together*. This motto encapsulates the power of our community perfectly - how much we can achieve when we all work together. I know I speak for all the incredible staff we have at Springfield when I say that we honestly cannot wait to welcome you all back in September. In the meantime, we wish you all a restful and enjoyable summer break. If you do have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me via the school office.

With warmest wishes,
Anna Case

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