

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to provide you with information about our intentions for both the school closure period between Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July and Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2020 and for re-opening from Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2020.

**Provision during the holiday:**

- Sport and Exercise Camp

We will be running camps this summer during the weeks beginning August 10<sup>th</sup> & August 17<sup>th</sup>. Some camps will be enhanced through the use of sports coaches to make this a stimulating and fun week, but overall this will be led and managed by Jack Murphy King our PE Co-ordinator. We will continue to follow whatever Government guidance is still in place for the management of Covid, such as distancing measures and provision outdoors as much as we can.

The cost for a day place will be £30.

Depending on demand we might offer a couple of days or more.

The differing Camps will be as follows:

- Developmental Movement Play, Swimming and Rebound Therapy (planned for the needs of pupils with profound and multiple physical needs, using familiar school facilities)
- Rugby and Football (planned for physically able pupils who can engage with coaches and play team games)
- Multi-sports (for all learners regardless of their physical needs, but great for any one who wants to improve their fitness)
- Tennis, basketball and volley ball (for fitness and skills development for pupils who can work in pairs and teams)

If this is of interest please return the slip below. We will allocate places according to staff availability and pupil need and will inform you about whether your son/daughter has been booked in.

- Free School Meals Vouchers

If you are entitled to Free School Meal vouchers, these will continue to be allocated to you in the same way as they have been during the school term.

**Wider Opening in September 2020:**

We are beginning to plan for September 2020. Pupils are due to begin returning from Wednesday September 9<sup>th</sup> 2020. We are working towards offering places to all pupils on roll. I am sure I don't need to let you know that we have a range of factors which will influence the increase of pupil numbers on site. Social distancing will be a massive factor in determining what we can and cannot do. We are also waiting for information about adult health vulnerabilities and shielding – this will determine the number of staff available to work with the children.

To date we have around 25% of the pupil population on site, the greatest proportion of these pupils being part-time. By the end of term we will have seen almost 40% of the pupils on site. We expect a high proportion of these pupils to have around two or three days on site.

We know that you may be very uncertain about your child returning to school and of course we want to work closely with you as we plan for September 2020.

We do not know what the Government will plan for the further, or wider opening of schools. Nor do we know what they will say about pupil attendance and whether they will penalise parents if they do not send their children.

We are continually updating our plans whilst liaising with parents and we thank you for your support at this unusual time. Your support is also essential for September and we ask that you bear with us as we practice life on the school site with greater numbers of pupils and staff.

**It is important that you bear in mind the following:**

- The return to school is likely to be phased.
- Bubble classes may have to close at very short notice should a staff member or pupil show symptoms of Covid 19 and self-isolation measures will have to be put in place for the whole of that class.
- Bubble classes may only be partially open or may close if staff are unable to work (this is because we anticipate that we cannot yet have cover staff, or move staff around school to cover absence).
- There may be future regional or country wide spikes in infection and therefore schools may close at very short notice.
- The curriculum will stay restricted and we will not be able to offer the full breadth of activities we usually offer. This will include outside visitors to school, educational visits, use of public transport, swimming at Starbeck Pool, use of cafes and work experience. We will only do so after very careful risk assessment and once the Government identify that it is safe for schools to do so. We have decided that the curriculum will be based on a recovery approach and embedded over the first half term initially – it will mainly be based within classroom and around the school grounds.

Best wishes,

*Sarah*

Sarah Edwards  
Head Teacher

See next pay - Please complete the reply slip re the Sports Camp and return to school asap.

Thank you.

**To: Springwater School Office**

**Sport and Exercise Camp Return:**

**I am interested in the following provision for : .....**

**Developmental Movement Play Yes / No**

**Rugby/Football Yes / No**

**Multi-Sports Yes / No**

**Tennis Yes / No**

**Week 1 – wc 10<sup>th</sup> August 2020 Yes / No**

**Week 2 – wc 17<sup>th</sup> August 2020 Yes / No**

**Parent/carer name: .....**

**Please return by Monday June 29 2020 in order to assist us with our planning**