

# Springfield Junior School

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Dear Parents/Carers

We are certainly living through challenging times at present and it is difficult to predict what will happen in the next few weeks.

In line with the Government's announcement of the 18<sup>th</sup> March 2020, we will be closing our gates to **the vast majority of pupils** on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2020.

However, we are currently making plans to ensure we can provide care for some of our pupils from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2020.

These pupils are:

- Vulnerable pupils (those with current social care involvement or who have an EHCP).
- Children of “key workers” - at present we do not have a definitive list of occupations, but we expect this to include teachers, teaching assistants, health workers, social care workers, carers such as foster carers, blue light services and those who provide vital logistical supplies/delivery drivers and utilities engineers.

Unless there are extenuating circumstances, children may only attend school if each parent in the household is a ‘key worker’.

Whilst we appreciate other working parents may have childcare difficulties during the school closure period, we must follow Government's requirements for the health and safety of our staff, students and wider school community. This is about ensuring key workers may continue to work and help manage this unprecedented health crisis.

We understand some parents/carers of children in the above categories may not need to send their child to school at this time as alternative arrangements are already in place.

We also know that the change in staffing and routine may be very disruptive for some of the pupils with EHCPs in the ERS unit as we cannot guarantee that regular staff will be in school every day. However, Mrs Shaw and Jaguars staff have agreed to be timetabled onto a rota every Tuesday so that we can offer at least one day a week of fun and socialisation for our Jaguars.

To help us plan for the coming weeks, **please complete the attached form and return it to school no later than 12 noon on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2020**. If you do not return the form, we shall assume your child will not be attending school and will make no arrangements for them.

For the health and safety of those in school we are working to a maximum group size of 10, and normal high standards of cleanliness will be maintained.

We will also be providing a school meals service to those children attending and free school meals will be available for those eligible. Alternatively, children may bring in a packed lunch.

We appreciate transport may be a challenge for some parents and we will do our best to support arrangements with this.

We are currently working with the central team at QEGSMAT to ensure those eligible for free school meals receive food via vouchers and will inform you of any updates as soon as we receive information from the DfE.

I'm sure you can appreciate this is a fast-moving situation and we are working incredibly hard to meet our responsibilities. Pupils in school will receive a mixture of structured sessions, completing the work set for all pupils by our teaching staff along with social time and PE/extracurricular activities. Pupils do not need to wear uniform but please come suitably dressed for light exercise during the day.

On-line learning material is available for those children not coming into school.

We thank you for your understanding and support and are confident that we can work together for the benefit of our pupils in these challenging times.

Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "S. W. Hughes". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "S" and a distinct "W".

Mrs Hughes  
Head Teacher

Please return to school tomorrow or reply by email to [njones@springfield.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:njones@springfield.derbyshire.sch.uk).

Name:		Year Group:
Does the child live with key workers: Yes/No		
Is the child classed as vulnerable:		
Tick boxes the days your child will be attending school: Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday		
Does your child need transport to and from school: Yes/No		
Does your child require a school meal: Yes/No		