



7th January 2021,

Dear Parent/ carer,

I would like to first of all wish you a happy and healthy new year! As a result of the First Minister's announcement on the 4th January the school will be delivering learning on-line to our pupils to stem the spread of the new strain of COVID 19.

How will this work?

From Monday 11th January until Monday 1st February (subject to review) pupils will follow their normal school timetable via their iPad and not in school. Teachers will be on-line providing activities, teaching and supporting pupils during the periods they would normally teach them. This will take place in the class Showbie groups. Since pupils are not attending the school there is no need for the staggered start and end to the days and therefore the school day will look as follows for all pupils:

Timetable

P1 -3 – 8.50 start (including senior phase pupils)

Break 11.05- 11.20

Assembly 11.20 – 11.35 – these will happen once or twice per week. Pupils will be notified via email, **on Monday morning**, by their year head of their assembly days and how to join – parents are welcome to sit with their child to hear the assembly messages if available.

P4 -5 – (including S1-3 pupils having P5 starting at 12.20)

Lunch 1.05 – 1.50

P6 – 7 – Monday, Tuesday and Thursday are the only days with P7 – there is no extra period for senior pupils at the end of the day as P1 at normal time.

We are very keen to keep our young people in the routine of being “up” for school and not turning night into day as we know this can impact negatively on mental health. Therefore teachers will be available to support pupils during the school day 8.50- 15.20 (14.35) but not in evenings, work submitted then will reviewed/ given feedback during the school day – normally during the class time.

Pastoral Care will be connecting with their house groups weekly as usual with one period more intensely focussing on individual support, they will let pupils know which periods these are. PSHE will have a strong focus on positive mental health.

This is again a new way of operating for us as a school and we hope that everything goes according to plan, however you can contact us as below should you have any questions.

Contacting the school

Almost all school staff will be working from home. If you need to speak to someone about a specific issue with your child you should contact their Pastoral Care teacher in the first instance. Normally you would do this by contacting the school via phone however this will not be possible over the next three weeks and you are requested to contact them via email. As follows:

Burns House: ssmith@springburnacademy.glasgow.sch.uk

Clyde House: kmacpherson@springburnacademy.glasgow.sch.uk

Rowling House: gdonnelly@springburnacademy.glasgow.sch.uk

Wallace 1: sjohnston@springburnacademy.glasgow.sch.uk

Wallace 2: ecampbell@springburnacademy.glasgow.sch.uk

In addition to this there will be a weekly text with a phone number you can reply to asking any questions you may have.

You can also contact the year heads as follows:

S1/ S6: amccracken@springburnacademy.glasgow.sch.uk

S2/3: kwatt@springburnacademy.glasgow.sch.uk

S4/5: akelly@springburnacademy.glasgow.sch.uk

Inclusion/support/ CP Depute: krae@springburnacademy.glasgow.sch.uk

Any general enquiries can be made to headteacher@springburnacademy.glasgow.sch.uk.

Ensuring engagement

We will continue to review our plans for learning based on their success and will regularly ask our young people to give us feedback on how we can improve. It is very important for all young people to engage with their school classes on-line but hugely important for our senior pupils to ensure they are completing any allocated work as this will support their teacher's judgement of their grades for their SQA qualifications.

Parent Council Meeting

There will be a ZOOM parent council meeting on Wednesday 13th January at 6.30pm where we will discuss how on-line learning is going after its first few days and will answer any further questions you may have. Every parent or carer of a child at Springburn is welcome to join this meeting the school will send the link for this to all parents on Wednesday morning.

We are looking forward to re-engaging with your children next week.

Regards,

L Hamilton

Mrs L Hamilton,

Headteacher