



Character Education Values

Courtesy-Forgiveness- Determination- Self-Discipline-Gratitude-Honesty

Our whole school vision is:

Springbank Primary is a place where all of our children and staff will have the opportunity to excel. Everyone will be safe, happy and cared for. Our curriculum and values will inspire everyone in the school family to be motivated and curious learners and offer core skills, knowledge and enrichment to enable all to gain the foundations for a quality future and a love for life-long learning.

In all we do we remember our school motto:

Caring-Happy-Healthy-Sporty-Scientific

School Values

Sportsmanship-Tolerance- Appreciation- Respect-Friendship-Integrity-Sensitivity-Helpfulness

There can be no-one within our community who is not aware of what appears to be a growing concern about the Corona virus situation and I wanted to try to set out for you our strong desire to ensure the safety of every pupil that belongs to our school family.

Each day we have updates from the Department for Education and we continue to keep ourselves up-to-date with all the announcements on TV and radio.

We are now in the "delay" phase of the pandemic, and we are determined to put in all the safety precautions to protect our pupils and the community we work with.

We have been tasked to find a strong balance between doing what we can to help prevent the spread of the disease, yet being mindful of not introducing extreme measures too soon, which if introduced too early, might lead to people ignoring the instructions, making things worse.

I myself have increasingly realised, whilst we as individuals may not feel that the virus will not impact on us directly, our main desire should be to do what we can to protect others who may be at higher risk, and I am acutely conscious that some pupils will have people in their family who fall into the "vulnerable" category, as do I.

As a result, schools will continue to stay open for the moment, unless government advice changes. We need to work hard together to find a balance between allowing people to continue with their life as much as possible, but ensuring everyone stays safe. Can I ask that everyone who visits the school, with immediate effect, please support my desire to remain safe by following the guidelines below:





- **With immediate effect**, if your child/children have developed a fever or **new** continuous cough, or you have ANY concerns about them feeling unwell, please phone up school to alert us and as the government advises, self-isolate for 7 days. This will apply to every member of staff too.
- If *your child* has returned from any travel where there is higher risk, or where it is advised you self-isolate on return, please self-isolate for 14 days.
- Hand washing and touching your eyes, mouth or nose as little as possible is vital. At home please follow the guidelines for ensuring all your family wash their hands regularly.
- When using disposable tissues remember: **'Catch it! Bin it! Kill it!'**

At school the current extra precautions will be:

- Daily teaching and reminders for the children of how to keep safe with regular handwashing throughout the day.
- All adults entering school to gel/wash their hands before entering.
- Class assemblies only: with breaks and lunch-time minimising the amount of children together.
- Deep cleans in every classroom where a child becomes ill with any of the symptoms.

And finally, as I'm sure you will too, I will ensure I stay in touch with the latest guidelines, and should anything change, I will, of course, let you know. If you have any other suggestions for us, please phone the office and we will integrate any other suggestions that are within the guidelines, into our safe systems.

Can I say thank you VERY much for your support and patience at what is proving to be a very difficult time for us all.

With warm wishes,
Julie Vaccari

