

29 June 2021

Headteacher: Mr Ian Wingfield

Dear Parents and Carers

I would like to start by welcoming you to Springwell Community College. As the Headteacher, at Springwell, I am very much looking forward to working with you over the forthcoming 5 years. I am writing to you with further information about the arrangements we have put in place for children who will join us in Year 7 from September.

Unfortunately, the current situation means we cannot run our usual transition programme. We are prevented by the current guidance from holding transition days for Year 6 pupils this term and the same guidance also means we cannot invite parents and carers in to the college to formally welcome and discuss the arrangements with you. However, we are committed to doing everything we can to ensure that the transition from primary school to Springwell Community College is as smooth as it can be.

In the last few weeks Miss McAlpine, who will be the Student Progress Leader for Year 7 next year, has been extremely busy making the following preparations:

- Online video meetings have been held with Year 6 teachers at all primary schools.
- Information has been gathered on every child including friendship groups.
- Information has been gathered on teacher assessments, attendance and behaviour.
- Great care has been taken organising 196 students into 7 Tutor groups that are a mix of gender, ability and primary schools.

We have also prepared a virtual tour of the college, which includes some useful information about our daily routines and this will help your son or daughter to familiarise themselves with the college facilities and layout.

Later this week we will write directly to your son or daughter with information and activities to aid the transition processes. The pack will contain an information booklet, a letter from their Tutor introducing themselves and some transition homework for them to work on over the next few weeks. We are also hoping to offer virtual question and answer sessions with Year 6 classes in the primary schools.

In the information pack that your son or daughter will bring home from their school you will find our Student Admission Book. This contains a series of documents that require completion prior to your son or daughter starting at Springwell. In order that we can process the information in good time could you please complete the Student Admissions Book and return it to Springwell before Friday 9th July 2021.

You can return the completed booklet at our reception between Monday 5th July and Friday 9th July from 9.30 am until 2.30 pm, or post to the college address if you would prefer. We are not, at this time, requesting sight of a birth certificate.

New Intake Parent/Carer Event

On Thursday 8th July at 6:00 pm we will hold our new parent/carers intake evening virtually via the TEAMS platform. In this meeting we will share with you information about the start of the academic year in September, information about the college, how our home college relationship will work, outline a few of our policies and expectations. Please use the reply slip at the bottom of this letter to provide us with the information needed for us to invite you to this event. Alternatively, please email enquiries@springwellcc.org with the required information.

Uniform

To enable you to begin to prepare for September please find attached a copy of our uniform and appearance policies. We have also included a useful sizing guide. The college has two chosen uniform suppliers, both suppliers stock all uniform items, including three styles of approved trousers, blazer, tie and PE top to allow parents/carers to purchase all items in one order.

Price and Buckland

www.price-buckland.co.uk/schools/springwell-community-college-chesterfield/

Price and Buckland offer an online ordering service and stock approved uniform. Home delivery option priced at £3.95.

To guarantee that your son or daughter receives their uniform before the start of the term, the last order deadline date for home delivery is Monday 2nd August 2021.

Pinders

www.pindersschoolwear.co.uk

There are two shops, one in Aston and one at Crystal Peaks. The Aston factory shop is a 20-minute drive from Staveley and there are good public transport links to Crystal Peaks:

- Mansfield Road, Aston, Sheffield, S26 2BS
- East Mall, Peak Square, Crystal Peaks Shopping Centre, Sheffield, S20 7PQ

Pinders have a first class home delivery option priced at £6.00 and they also offer a free click and collect service from any of their stores. To guarantee that your son or daughter receives their uniform before the start of the term, the last order deadline date for home delivery is Friday 6th August 2021.

As I am sure you will understand this process is more difficult this year, but I hope that the information in this letter and also the additional information which will follow shortly will help to reassure you and your son or daughter about moving in September. We do not know what restrictions will be in place in early September, but we will write to you as soon as we can with the arrangements for the start of term.

The first day of the new term, Thursday 2nd September, will be for Year 7 and Year 11 only. This will enable the students to familiarise themselves with their new environment before the majority of students return.

We very much look forward to meeting you and working with you over the next 5 years.

Yours sincerely



Mr I Wingfield
Headteacher



Please return to your child's Primary School before Friday 2nd July 2021

Student Name: Primary School Name:

I have received the letter about the cancellation of the transition days at Springwell.

*My preferred email address for the virtual TEAMS meeting on Thursday 8th July - 6:00 pm

Email address:

*I have emailed the college directly with my preferred email address.

Should you need to contact me my preferred number is:

Name Parent/Carer: Signed Parent/Carer

*Please delete as required.