

# Sprowston Junior

September 2020



## Return to School

I'm sure you'll agree with me that the return to school this week has taken up a lot of emotional energy - it has been a really pleasing start to the term and we've all been delighted with how the children have coped this week. They have had to get used to many new procedures but they have done so with a super attitude and I thank all of them, the staff and yourselves for contributing towards such a good week.

It is very important to be positive in how we approach all aspects of the school year and we will be making the year as productive and enjoyable as we possibly can. Our focus right now is on ensuring the children continue to settle well into the new school year and on good, quality teaching across the curriculum, supporting the children with any gaps that may have occurred in lockdown, as the term progresses.

We will continually review how things are working and make changes where we feel they are necessary.

I'm sure you'll have some tired children this weekend. I hope everyone has an enjoyable one.

Kind regards

Matt Walton, Headteacher

## Information Sessions

At the start of term we normally hold information sessions for parents to meet the teachers but we unfortunately are unable to do this in school at this current time. Instead, please look out for a video recorded by the Year group teachers letting you know a little more about the year ahead. If, after watching the video you have any further questions, please send them to the office email address FAO your child's class teacher and they will get back to you.

## School Library

We are pleased to say that our school library is open again and the make-over is nearing completion. We look forward to adding the finishing touches needed, but as you can see here, it is looking quite different and much fresher. We thank the Friends of the school for donating £1000 towards the costs. When books are brought back to the library by children, they will be quarantined for 72 hours before being put back on the shelf. This will help us to keep the library running - it really is the hub of the school and so important to do so.



## Phone Calls

Due to the current risk assessment, we don't expect to be able to host a parents' evening this term as we normally would. Instead, we will book all parents in for a phone call discussion at agreed times, including the opportunity for those calls to be in the evening as is normal in any parents' evening booking process.

## School Clubs/Music Lessons

We are currently working out the best way to proceed with school clubs and music lessons and we hope to have news very shortly on dates for both to be able to start up once more.

## Term Ahead

Year groups have been trying to organise day trips to support the curriculum and we hope to have news of some dates soon. Some places are not yet open for school visits, including the learning centres run by Norfolk County Council.

## Year 3

To let you know how well the children have settled in at the school, the Year 3 teacher's will be emailing all parents/carers in the next few weeks. Please do get in touch before then if you have any concerns.

## School Blogs

We are pleased to have finally started using our school blogs. If you have a few minutes, we'd love you to go and have a look for yourself. The blogs give the children a 'live' audience and they are already enthused by the fact that children and adults from across the world may read their writing. We will use the blogs as an improvement tool in the spring term, as we look to improve our writing using an 8 week plan approach: [www.sprowstonblogs.net](http://www.sprowstonblogs.net)

## School Procedures

Thank you for supporting us this week with our new rules due to the pandemic and for helping us to keep everyone safe whilst dropping off and picking up. We would like to remind everyone of the requests below:

- Please try to arrive for your child's start time
- Please leave the school site fairly promptly after picking your child up - this helps to keep the site as clear as possible.
- Please be courteous and socially distance if you meet other people coming the other way in the alleyway, next to the Recreation Ground.
- We are having to shut the trim trail after school from Monday due to children from different bubbles mixing on school grounds. We hope you can all appreciate and understand the need for this new rule.

## SCHOOL RULES

Before lockdown, we were in the process of re-writing the school behaviour policy and introducing new school procedures and rules. This week, we have introduced 3 rules that underpin all behaviours in school. These are 'READY' 'RESPECTFUL' & 'RESPONSIBLE'

All adults will be referring consistently to these 3 rules when talking about all aspects of school life. These 3 rules support the school values; developing independent, respectful and confident children.



Ready

Respectful

Responsible

