

Spring Meadow Infant and Nursery School Weekly Up-date 19 JUNE 2020



Key messages for those accessing school during the closure period:

The morning school start times, to ensure social distancing, are:

Bubble 1:	8.45am	Monday—Friday
Bubble 11:	8.50am	Monday—Friday
Bubble 8:	8.55am	Monday—Friday
Bubble 4:	9.00am	Monday—Friday
Bubble 5:	9.05am	Monday—Friday
Bubble 6:	9.10am	Monday—Friday
Bubble 9:	9.15am	Monday—Friday

(REMEMBER WE CLOSE AT LUNCHTIME ON FRIDAYS)

Thank you to those parents who have been keeping to the agreed start times. It means you can glide through the entry and exit system easily, without any waiting.

Some families are arriving too early though and this is creating a challenge with regards to social distancing. The area outside the gates is too congested and we cannot help. Please, for the safety of everyone, arrive at the time stated above and not before.

Key Dates:

Fri 17th July — Last day of Summer Term

Mon 20th & Tues 21st July—Staff Professional Days

Year 2 Transition to Ely St Mary's Junior School

Mrs Ireland-Curtis, the Head Teacher at Ely St Mary's Junior School has put a system in place to enable our children to visit their new school. Some children have already visited this week. For those currently attending a Spring Meadow Bubble, a special day of visits is planned for Friday 17th July. This is to enable the school Bubbles to remain pure for these children until the end of the summer term.

Home learning

85 children in Year 1 and Year 2 are accessing live lessons 3 days per week.

27 families are accessing support reading sessions weekly.

58 children are in school every day.

We remain determined to provide learning for every child, each week, and provide support for every parent. If you have not yet been able to respond to our requests to engage in some form of learning, please do contact the school by telephone or via the mail address:

support@springmeadow.cambs.sch.uk

Home learning plans continue to be uploaded weekly, for those who wish to continue to work with their child in this way. Staff will continue to contact families who are not yet part of our home learning programme, to see how we can support you.

Apologies—the Nursery and Reception stories read by Mrs Jones are too large for the website so they remain on Tapestry.

Education for our children

The current safety situation in our country is simply horrendous and the inability to permit all of our children to attend school is one of the most frustrating and soul-destroying situations I have ever experienced as a professional. Due to restrictions placed on us for safety reasons, we have not been able to admit *any* additional children into Nursery or Reception unless they were a child of a key worker or have specific and pre-identified learning needs.

I am incredibly sorry to all those parents who I told would have an opportunity to allow their child to return later this month. I am told the increase in key worker requests is due to more areas of the workforce opening up and requiring staff to return. I apologise most sincerely to every parent who had made the difficult decision to allow their child to return on 22nd June—and then have that opportunity denied to you because of the increase in demand from key worker parents.

A big thank you to staff who have adapted their work to meet the challenges of using technology to deliver home learning.

Staff have experienced huge technical challenges, remember we are all trained to work with children, not in the use of live learning facilities with parents as a continuous audience. I am extremely grateful and proud of the Spring Meadow Team for working tirelessly to do the best for our families.