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Dear Parent/Carer

I am delighted that your child will be joining Springfield in September and look forward to meeting you in due course. Springfield is one of the highest achieving schools in the area; we expect our pupils to enjoy their learning and to work hard to achieve the best GCSE and other results of which they are capable.

As Ofsted Inspectors noted when they last visited us, 'Pupils are happy and safe at this school. They behave well in lessons and around the school. Pupils are nearly always kind and respectful towards each other and their teachers. They know that their teachers expect them to try their best, behave well and wear their uniform smartly. Pupils work hard in lessons and persevere with difficult work. Teachers ask them to think hard and answer difficult questions. Pupils achieve well at the school.'

I hope that your child will contribute to maintaining this positive ethos, be very happy and prosper at Springfield.

Despite the impact of COVID-19 on learning and GCSE assessment, we were delighted by our Year 11 pupils' outcomes last summer. There were a number of successes, including 127 grade 9s – the highest grade possible – being achieved by our pupils across the curriculum. Our core subjects, English and Maths, performed well with a pleasing 54% of our pupils achieving a Grade 5 or above in English and Maths (England average²⁰¹⁹ 43%). 61% of our pupils were entered for the EBacc (England average²⁰²¹ 39%). Last October's Springfield News contains further information regarding our pupils' success: <https://bit.ly/3wV0A9f>

All being well, we hope that our Year 6 pupils can visit us on 4th and 5th of July. We will provide an opportunity for parents/carers to meet key staff, including their child's Tutor, to find out more about the school during the (late) afternoon of 7th July; and also publish a screen cast of basic information for all families to access. This will be followed early next term with an opportunity for parents/carers to come into school to meet their child's Tutor and review their child's first experiences of secondary school. We will contact directly those families of children with specific individual/SEND needs regarding additional support for their child's transition.

Meanwhile, may I politely draw your attention to the following information that is available for you to review on the Year 6/7 Induction page of our website:

- Attendance leaflet
- Privacy notices for parent/carers and pupil
- Reading list
- School uniform guidelines, supplier details and price list
- Supporting a Year 7 pupil guide
- Cashless catering information pack
- 'Moving On' leaflet for pupils

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To view the induction page please type this shortcut link in your browser <https://bit.ly/2MfGloU> or go to www.springfield.uk.net, select the 'School Life' tab and scroll down to 'Year 6/7 Induction'.

I would also encourage you to explore Springfield's website, e-prospectus and Virtual Open Evening films to find out more about the school should you not have had the chance to do so already. Springfield posts its news on Twitter and Facebook, so please also 'sign up' to find out more about what is happening on a day to day basis.

I would ask that you sign and return the eight (green) forms in this pack to Mrs Byerley, Head of Achievement by 10th June, using the enclosed addressed envelope.

- Biometric Consent Letter
- Data Collection Form
- Health Check Form & Disability Questionnaire
- E-Safety Agreement
- Home School Agreement
- Consent for Photography and Use of Images
- Educational visit and Consent Form
- Google Classroom Permission Request

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely

Sara Spivey
Headteacher

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