

Spire Junior School

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Monday 7th September 2026,

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It has been a pleasure to walk around school today and see all of our wonderful children returning to Spire Junior School for the 2026-2027 academic year! We hope you all had a wonderful summer and took the time to relax, spend some time in the sun and enjoy the time with your families.

We would like to take this opportunity to share a brief update with our families as we begin the new term.

ParentMail and Arbor (parent communication)

Please be aware that at present, we are still using ParentMail as our primary communication method in school.

If your child has just joined us in Year 3, or any other year group, please could we ask that you keep an eye out for an email link being sent to you from ParentMail over the next 48 hours, now that your child is officially on our roll.

We will share further information about our move to Arbor later in the term. Thank you for those who have already registered using the information sent out before the summer. We will send out further reminders for this over the coming weeks.

Please rest assured, children will be able to order meals and attend breakfast club as normal whilst we wait for the systems to become available to you.

Mobile Phones

This year has seen updated Department for Education guidance being given to schools around mobile phones being used. Therefore, please be aware that we are asking all parents and carers to put their phones away whilst on the school site, including our playgrounds.

Children are discouraged from bringing a phone to school, unless this is needed for safety reasons walking to and from school. If this is the case, you will shortly receive a home-school agreement letter about bringing a phone to school which needs to be completed and returned to the office.



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Jewellery

As a reminder, the only jewellery children are permitted to wear in school is a pair of stud earrings and a watch.

This cannot be a smart watch – e.g. there should be no messaging capabilities, photographing capabilities or internet connectivity on the device.

Pastoral Support

As we settle in to the year, please remember our pastoral team are here to help and ensure everyone has a smooth start to the term. Please speak to a member of staff if you have any questions, including your child's class teacher.

Our pastoral team includes:

- Mrs Charlotte Vernon (Headteacher)
- Mrs Gail Hancock (Pastoral Manager)
- Mr Sam James (Family Support Worker)
- Miss Annabelle Thompson (Assistant Headteacher)
- Mr Ian Burbidge (Assistant Headteacher)
- Miss Leah Sharman (SENCO)
- Mrs Laura Harrison (Pastoral TA)

We hope your child has enjoyed their first day, and look forward to working with you this year.

Kind regards,
Mrs Vernon

