



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the final half term of the school year. It's hard to imagine how the time has flown since the children were all starting a new year back in September.

The summer term is always busy with assessments – the Y6 children have taken their SAT tests and the Y4 children are about to take their multiplication tests. The Y1 children will also take their Phonics screening check this week.

School, however, is not only about assessments and I am delighted to therefore see the children flourishing in other areas such as trips to museums, sports events and music festivals to name but a few.

As we approach the end of the school year, I wanted to update you on a few things. I am delighted to report that Mrs Crane will be rejoining the school on July 13th following her maternity leave. Mrs Malloch-Rear will remain in school until the end of term. I would like to thank her for the superb job she has done this year and wish her every success for the future.

In September the class structure will be as follows:

- C1 – Years Reception, 1 and 2 – Miss Walker
- C2 – Year 3 & 4 – Mrs Harrison
- C3 – Years 5 & 6 – Mrs Crane

As a reminder for September, please could I remind everyone of the school uniform requirements. Whilst we do not insist on school logo items, school shoes and NOT trainers must be worn. Trainers are only for PE days.

Finally, I would like to wish all our Y6's and families who are moving on the very best for the future. Swinderby School is more than a school, it is a

community, and everyone leaves with our love. You are always welcome back – testimony to this lies with our recent work experience students, 2 of which were former pupils who chose to spend the week with us.

My very best wishes for the Summer and I look forward to welcoming you at one or many of our forthcoming events.

Kind regards,
Zoe Longstaff
Headteacher

Current School Opening Times



**ALL classes start at 08:45am
and end the day at 3:20pm**

Children who are late for school will be marked as such, which could be flagged up as a concern during our attendance monitoring. If your child is late on a regular basis, they then miss out on a vital routine, which helps them settle into the school day and be ready to start learning. If they are late, this disturbs the smooth start of the day for all.



Reporting Absence

If your child is absent from school you can either telephone the school on 01522 868287 or send an email to enquiries@swinderby.lincs.sch.uk before 9.15am to inform us that your child is ill. Our new phone lines mean you can leave a voicemail to report your child's absence by pressing option 2.

Absences must be reported each day your child is absent.

If your child is absent due to sickness or diarrhoea, they will need to be clear of all the symptoms for 48 hours before returning to school.



Attendance Every student. Every day.

It is vital that your children get the best possible education going forward so please send your children to school. Attendance is now **compulsory** and holidays in term time will NOT be authorised. Our normal

attendance policy will now apply, and Fixed Penalty Notices may be issued.

As a school, we need to meet the target of 95.9%, which is the national average. We can only do this if parents support us fully and if we all understand the importance of NOT taking term time, holidays or absences from school. Attendance will be monitored each half term. In line with the new Government policy, an even greater emphasis will be placed on attendance.

Holidays in Term Time ***IMPORTANT***

Following instruction from the Lincolnshire County Council Attendance Team, the Governors have approved a new school Attendance policy. The school will now be fining and issuing Fixed Penalty Notices for holidays taken in term time and will be rigorous in its pursuit of attendance. The school has previously tried to take an understanding approach towards holidays in term time; however, this will no longer be the case. This is now government policy that the school has to adhere to. Please take a moment to read the policy on the school website so that you are familiar with its contents:

https://www.swinderbyallsaints.co.uk/key_information/policies/policies.html

A new Leave Request form is available from the school office and this can be emailed across for completion.

Medical Appointments

For any medical appointments, please could these be made out of school time wherever possible. We appreciate this isn't possible, but we ask that screenshots of appointments are sent into school (enquiries@Swinderby.lincs.sch.uk) for our records.

Uniform

The school is keen to ensure that our children look smart and wear their uniform with pride. PE kits are part of the school uniform

NO patterned or logoed (except school logo) T-shirts. This includes PE kits

Uniform List



- Blue/white shirt/polo top
- Royal blue sweat top or cardigan
- Grey/black trousers or shorts
- Grey/black pinafore or skirt
- Blue/white gingham summer dress (optional)
- White/grey socks or grey tights
- Sensible school shoes that children can take on/off themselves (no heels or trainers)
- School Blue book-bag
- School bag (optional)

The school promotes sustainability and reuse of uniform. Donations of outgrown uniform are welcomed and there is a free clothing rail readily available in school for parents to access uniform.

Jewellery – there should be NO jewellery worn in school. For those with pierced ears – studs are to be worn ONLY but these need to be removed/taped up on PE days



PE Kit

Long hair MUST be tied up for PE and NO earrings are to be worn.

PE KIT WORN MUST BE IN LINE WITH THE SCHOOL UNIFORM – PALE BLUE/WHITE plain or school logo t-shirt, plain black/navy jogging bottoms or shorts and school sweatshirt/ cardigan or plain royal blue sweatshirt. Trainers or plimsolls, as plain as possible.

We will be strict about this and if your child wears anything different to this, we will ask them to change. Please support us with this so that your child does not feel uncomfortable. WE WILL not accept the wearing of sports tops or football shirts.

Please ensure all school uniform and PE kit is named

Celebrations Assemblies – Fridays at 2:45pm

17th July

Online Safety



E-safety – electronic safety – is all about keeping ourselves safe, maintaining our privacy and protecting our rights in the digital world.

We all need to be aware of potential e-safety issues with all our digital devices and forms of digital communication not just computers and the internet. Computers, laptops, tablets (iPads, Kindles etc.), digital cameras, games consoles (Xbox, Wii, iPod touch, Nintendo DS etc.) smart televisions, mobile phones, texts and email are ALL part of the digital world.

Social networking sites such as Facebook and Twitter, and video sharing sites such as YouTube are valuable in allowing use to maintain communication with family and friends worldwide. However, parents and children should abide by the age restrictions on such sites and carefully set their privacy settings.

Just as in the real world, we need children to be aware of stranger danger and bullying (cyber-bullying) in the digital world. We need our children to recognise when it is happening and were to seek help.

At school, we educate children about e-Safety in ICT lessons but it is important that parents know some key e-Safety tips too. Below are some links to resources to help support parents and children with all aspects of e-safety.

Our ICT Acceptable Use of Internet and Online Safety Policies are available on our school website:
https://www.swinderbyallsaints.co.uk/key_information/policies/policies.html

Managing Children's Digital Lives



The Children's Commissioner for England has produced a guide for parents and carers on managing children's digital lives, designed to demystify some of the issues such as the challenge of managing children's everyday online habits, what you should and shouldn't be doing, and the often complicated parental controls on individual social media platforms, to help make talking to your child about them easier.

An introductory blog on the guide from the Children's Commissioner can be viewed here:
<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/blog/what-i-wish-my-parents-or-carers-knew-childrens-commissioner-launches-guide-for-parents-and-carers-on-managing-childrens-digital-lives/>

The guide, along with an Activity Pack for children, can be accessed here:

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/resource/what-i-wish-my-parents-or-carers-knew-a-guide-for-parents-and-carers-on-managing-childrens-digital-lives/>

Breakfast and After School Club



Please ensure all bookings are made at least a week in advance, where possible – ideally we'd like these termly. As the Cabin Club is becoming more popular, we cannot guarantee there will be places available on the day. It is essential that bookings are completed for **EVERY** session. Having these bookings will allow the team to plan specific activities and purchase the correct amount of food for each session.

If anyone would like to make a booking, please use the ParentMail App or see The Cabin Club team/the school office.



Clothing Bank

The Rag-Bag clothing bank is outside the school. If you have any unwanted clothing items, please bag them up and place them in the large green bin outside the black gates.

The 'Rag Bag' recycling scheme has been developed to provide regular fundraising for schools in the UK.

The scheme increases awareness about textile recycling and by increasing recycling rates we can help the environment by ensuring less material goes to landfill.



Music

Private music lessons are also still available in most instruments through the Lincolnshire Music Service. If anyone is interested, please do let us know and we can request the Music Service get in touch with you. Piano lessons will now be on a Monday afternoon. We are looking forward to having Mrs Benson from the Lincoln Music Service this year for our Wednesday music lessons.



Mobile Phones

Children should not be bringing mobile phones into school unless there are exceptional circumstances – going home on the bus for example. If a phone is brought into school, it needs to be handed to the Headteacher on arrival and it will be kept safe until the end of the day.



Parking

Please could all parents ensure that they are mindful of not parking in the school bus bay when dropping off in the morning or collecting in the afternoon. For the safety of all the children, getting on and off the bus it is important this area is kept clear. The bus bay is now clearly marked.

Also, could we remind parents to continue being courteous to our neighbours and ensure we're not blocking any access or driveways. Please, show you care, park elsewhere; we've got the ideal facility (**Park & Stride**) just five-minute walk away at the Village Hall.

SCHOOL BUS

Please could parents remind their children that good behaviour is required on the school bus and check that the mobiles being brought with them are having appropriate use – there should be no Snapchat, for example. This does have an age restriction of 13yrs and above. If children misbehave on their journey to and from school, this could result in their bus pass being revoked by LCC and an alternative method of getting to and from school will need to be sought.



Free School Meals

With effect from September 2018, a new system to process Free School Meals was introduced, whereby parents and guardians will need to apply online. We would encourage **ALL** parents & guardians to apply. Further information can be found on the following website: <https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schools-and-education/free-school-meals/>

Lunchboxes

According to NHS choices a balanced lunchbox should contain:

- Starchy foods like bread, rice, potatoes or pasta
- Protein foods like meat, fish, eggs or beans
- A dairy item, like cheese or yogurt
- Vegetables or salad and a portion of fruit

As a school we encourage the above suggestions but also allow a small chocolate bar (i.e. a Penguin/Kit Kat) or a small piece of cake.

However, there are some items that are **NOT** allowed in school, these include:

- Bags of sweets (of any size)
- Large chocolate bars (Mars, Wispas etc.)
- Nuts or nut based products
- Eggs

NUT ALLERGY

We are a nut free school due to allergies within school. Please ensure that nuts or nut-based products are NOT included in your child's lunchbox. If your child is found to have these, we will have to remove from their lunchbox. Thank you for your understanding.



Letters Home

We send all letters that don't need printing out via email. If you are unable to view these letters via your email you can view these on the school website if you prefer <http://www.swinderbyallsaints.co.uk/letters-home/>

Letters that require you to send in a reply slip are sent home as a hard copy.

Permission Slips

We appreciate the children sometimes have a lot of letters to bring home, but we try to keep this to a minimum by emailing copies home where possible and putting notifications on our Facebook page. However, for those letters that do have to go home and require a permission slip returning, could we ask that children are provided with a plastic folder to keep them safe and contained on the journey from class room to home and vice versa. That way it tries to limit any information that could potentially be lost in transit.

Communication

ALL emails should be sent to

enquiries@swinderby.lincs.sch.uk

Any that are specific to Class teachers will be forwarded on and responded to as soon as possible. If these emails are sent during the day, they may be replied to after school or the next working day.

Term Dates



June

Mon 08	Phonics Screening Check
Wed 10	SRPA SEND Parent Engagement afternoon 1:30-2:30
Mon 15	Assessment Week 1
Mon 15	C3 Pink Pig Farm Trip
Tues 16	Football match v. WSH (Home)
Fri 19	YR & Y1 Sporting Event – NK
Mon 22	Assessment Week 2
Tues 23	Y3/4 Football Match v. Thorpe (Home)
Wed 24	Whole School Sports Day

July

Wed 01	Reserve Whole School Sports Day
Wed 01	SRPA Y5 Open Evening
Thurs 02	LSST Y7 Induction Day
Thurs 02	Pembroke Academy Y7 Induction Day
Fri 03	Rounders Tournament
Thurs 09	FOSS School Disco
Mon 13	Mrs Crane returns to school

Wed 15	End of Year Music Concert – 2pm
Wed 15	Reports Out
Thurs 16	Y5/6 Play – 2pm & 6pm
Fri 17	Celebrations Assembly – 2:45pm
Wed 22	Y6 Bell Ringing – 8:30am
Wed 22	Y6 Leaver's Service – 1:30pm
Wed 22	LAST DAY OF TERM

**We will be adding more dates for the diary
as time goes on**

And finally

For those of you who have 'liked' the School's Facebook page. **Please can you make sure you like the posts. As the School is a business page if you don't like the post or interact with the page the updates/posts will stop coming up on your Newsfeed.** The school facebook page is used as an additional way of getting information out to our parents.

www.facebook.com/SwinderbyAllSaintsPrimarySchool



We like to keep in regular contact with you and all our latest news can be found on: Facebook, School website.