



March 2021



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back to everyone! Monday felt like a new start as we have finally opened our doors to all the children again. It is lovely to hear the buzz around school once again. Here's hoping that this is the start of a new beginning when we can settle back into school life and get on with our core purpose of educating your children to the best of our abilities.

I thought I'd take the opportunity to update you on a few things:

Parents Evening

We have decided to postpone Parent's Evenings until week commencing April 26th. You will be offered a telephone call or a Teams meeting on the following dates:

C1 – Monday 26th April or Wednesday 28th April

C2 – Tuesday 27th or Wednesday 28th April

C3 – Tuesday 27th April or Thurs 29th April

A letter will be sent home in due course with further details.



PGL

We have managed to move the trip from 14-16 May to July 02-04th inclusive. This will hopefully give the trip a higher chance of going ahead. A PGL information evening will be on **Thursday 27 May at 6pm** via Teams. Letters will also be issued to parents, confirming any outstanding payments.



Music

KS2 will have music delivered by Ms Karen Jones from the Lincolnshire Music Service every Wednesday. Private music lessons have begun face to face and are offered in guitar, piano, singing, ukulele and violin. For details please contact Karen Jones directly (Karen.Jones@lincolnshire.gov.uk)



SATS

SAT tests for this summer have been cancelled but teachers will be still assessing your children's progress to see where they are and to help them plan the next steps of learning. Easter school that was planned for April 12 and 13 has been cancelled.



FREE SPORTS DAYS

Each class is being offered a FREE Sports Day in their class bubbles during the Easter break. This will be organised and run by 2 sports coaches from Premier Education (formerly MSP). Please book via the following link: <https://www.premier-education.com/parents/venue/courses/23788/>

Mon 12 April – C3

Tues 13 April – C2

Wed 14 April – C1



School Places

Next year's Reception children will find out their places from 16 April. If you know of any families who are looking for a place for a child of any age for September 2021 please ask them to contact us.



Things that are New

We are delighted with the new EYFS surface that has been laid recently. It's lovely to see Class 1 enjoying

the outdoor space once again and the blue certainly brightens up even the greyest of days.

The front of the school is due to be rendered and painted during the Easter holidays as well.

Testing & COVID

In order to try and keep the whole school community safe, the staff are taking a lateral flow test twice weekly. Parents can access home testing kits via <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff>

A positive lateral flow test will mean isolation for the whole family.

The rules surrounding COVID still apply, if your child has any symptoms (a raised temperature, a persistent cough or a loss of taste or smell), please do NOT send your child to school. **All family members must isolate if a PCR test is taken.**

It is hoped that bubbles will not need to close but in the event of a positive case advice will be sort from the Health Protection Team as done previously.

Remote Learning



This will only resume if a whole bubble is closed. For individual children isolating, work will be sent home via the Class Teacher.

Promotional Video



The filming of Swinderby's promotional video will take place on Tues 16 (AM) and Wednesday 17 (PM) March. Thank you to those parents who've already provided their testimonials. We're very much looking forward to showcasing the finished product.

Please ensure children are in full uniform on these days. If it is a PE day, a white/blue top and dark bottoms are to be worn, **no sports logoed clothing please.**



Students

We are fortunate to be having 2 student teachers joining us in the coming weeks. C3 will have Miss Charlotte Dexter-Eyre from Monday 15 March until Wed 23 June and C1 will be joined by Miss Emily Vessey from Monday 22 March. These students will follow all COVID guidelines and are taking part in the twice weekly lateral flow testing.



Current School Opening Times

Class 1 (YR & Y1) – 08:55 to 3:30pm.

Class 2 (Y2 & Y3) – 08:50 to 3:25pm.

Class 3 (Y4, 5 & 6) – 08:40 to 3:20pm

It is essential that these times are adhered to in order to keep the flow of the school

Please ensure you are dropping off and collecting at the correct school gate:

YR, 1, 4 5 & 6 – Black Main Gate

Y2 and 3 – Playgroup Gate & the playground

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.

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.

As a school we need to meet the target of 95%, 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.

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



PE Kit

Please could we stress that PE kit is still part of the school UNIFORM and therefore should only consist of Blue/White T-shirt (no logos, except school logo), Dark Shorts/Jogging bottoms in colder months and trainers. Anything alternate to these will not be acceptable.

Please ensure all school uniform and PE kit is named.

If you're looking for labels, The **My Nametags** labels are extremely hard wearing and save a great deal of effort and potential lost property. They can be used on school uniforms, brownies/guides clothes, and football kits, in fact almost anything.

For every order of personalised labels, My Nametags will contribute to the school. Order online at www.MyNametags.com and use our unique School ID number (64189), you'll be raising much needed money for the school.



Times Table Rock Stars

Please continue to support your children with the TT Rock Stars App. Children will be able to practice at school but log in details will also be supplied so they can practice at home too. Times tables are paramount to children's learning and the more practice they get, the more confident they will be in answering all maths questions.



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 booking forms are completed for **EVERY** session. Having these booking forms allows Lisa to plan specific activities and purchase the correct amount of food for each session.

If anyone would like to make a booking, please see Lisa or the school office. Bookings & payments can now

also be made via our Parent Mail App. Everything for Cabin Club is set up but please bear with us as we learn the system ourselves as well.

Please note that as of 01.11.2020 our hourly rate has increased to £4 per child. The afterschool club is back open until 5pm again from w/c 22.02.2021.

If anyone has received any invoices due to outstanding payments, please could these be paid as soon as possible as we're currently in the process of closing down the accounts for this financial year.



Communication with Staff

Following discussions at a Governor meeting last November, it has been decided that any emails sent to staff outside of the hours 8am-4:30pm will be looked at and responded to the next working day – unless the recipient chooses otherwise. This is entirely at their own discretion.

Part-time workers will respond between these hours on their working days unless they choose to work outside of those hours.

Emails sent at weekends will not be read/replied to unless the recipient chooses to do so.



Parking

Please could all parents ensure that they're 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.

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.

There is currently an on-going consultation with regards to restricted parking outside of school with Lincolnshire County Council and the Parish Council. There is a notice on the post outside of school, giving further information.



School Lunches

We are now offering hot meals to all children in school. The latest cycle is closed for orders and will run up until the end of term (31.03.21). I believe when the site reopens to order for w/c 19.04.21 there will be a new

Truth, Compassion, Respect, Forgiveness

menu. If any parents have any queries or concerns regarding the menus please do let us know, but also please report these directly to Ginga Catering.



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



Letters Home

We send all letters that don't need printing out via email - Txtround. 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.



Lincoln Lottery

We have launched our community lottery page. To start supporting us please visit:
www.LincolnLottery.co.uk and search for 'Swinderby'.

Help us to raise funds for the school.

Communication

All emails regarding illness/appointments/general enquiries are to be sent to
enquiries@swinderby.lincs.sch.uk

Specific emails can be sent to class teachers. However, please note, class teachers are unable to check emails during the day. They will reply as soon as they can but it may not be until the next

Term Dates

Mon 15	C3 Student Teacher starts
Tues 16	Filming in school – AM
Wed 17	Filming in school – PM
Fri 19	Red Nose Day
Mon 22	C1 Student starts
Wed 31	Easter Service 2:30pm led by C2
Wed 31	Last Day of Term

April

Thurs 01

Mon 12	C3 Free Sports Day
Tues 13	C2 Free Sports Day
Wed 14	C1 Free Sports Day

Mon 19

Tues 20	First Day of Term
Mon 26	Open Morning 09:45 to 11:30am TBC
Tues 27	C1 Parents Evening
Tues 27	C2 Parents Evening
Tues 27	C3 Parents Evening
Wed 28	C1 Parents Evening
Wed 28	C2 Parents Evening
Thurs 29	C3 Parents Evening

INSET DAY

May

Tues 25	Y5/6 Puberty Workshop, Positive Health
Thurs 27	PGL Parents Meeting 6pm – Teams
Fri 28	Last Day of Term

June

Mon 07	First Day of Term
Wed 23	Last day for C3 Student Teacher
Fri 25	Whole School Sports Day

July

Fri 02	Leave for PGL
Sun 04	Return from PGL
Wed 07	Y4, 5 & 6 Play
Fri 09	Reserve Sports Day
Fri 09	Reports Issued
Tues 13	Transition afternoon
Wed 21	Leaver's Assembly
Wed 21	Last Day of Term

Some of these events are subject to change and some may be done virtually, we will keep you informed.

A copy of the term dates can be found on our school website.

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 and via Txtround.