



May 2021



Dear Parents/Guardians,

I do hope that you had a nice Bank Holiday weekend and managed to get some time with your families.

The school term has started well and we are really pleased with our school video. We are also launching our new school website soon and hope that you will find it more engaging and helpful to use.

The children are busy enjoying their new topics and those receiving additional catch up sessions are busy working hard too.

I will not be in school for the next 2 weeks as I will be self-isolating prior to some medical treatment. I will however, be working from home and can be contacted. I will then be unavailable for a few weeks and any concerns/issues will be dealt with by Mrs Hul or Mrs Lill. Mrs Sims will also be available should you have any queries.

As the weeks progress we look forward to organising more events for the whole school.

My very best wishes,
Zoe Longstaff



I am delighted to be able to inform you that Miss Hannah Colclough has been appointed as the new teacher for Class 3 starting in September. Following a

large number of applications and a rigorous process, Miss Colclough was offered the job. She is currently teaching in central Lincoln and looks forward to taking up the role here. She will be visiting school over the next term to meet with the children.



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 have been issued to parents, confirming any outstanding payments. The next instalment was due **23.04.21**. Please could payments be brought up to date as soon as possible. **Full payment is required by 21.05.21**



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.



School Places

We are absolutely delighted to welcome the 11 children who have been offered a Reception place with us in September and we will shortly be sending out Class groupings.

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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.

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



Is now LIVE!! A link can be found on the school Facebook page and the school website (please see the noticeboard on the main page). A link will also be sent via email shortly. We are really happy with how it has turned out, it really captures the essence of our lovely school.

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.

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.

We are now able to offer a half an hour session (3:30-4pm) should this be more suitable. The charge for this is £2.00/child. We are currently seeing how this can be set up on ParentMail so payments can be made online, in the meantime if you require a booking for 30mins please send a booking form into school and make payment via cash, cheque (made payable to Lincolnshire County Council) or childcare vouchers.



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. ***We must reiterate this again as we have recently received complaints from other parents who have witnessed parking in the school bus bay.***

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

Online ordering is now open, until Friday 07th May for the next cycle. The next cycle will cover the following dates:

Week 1: w/c 17.05.21

Week 2: w/c 24.05.21

Week 3: w/c 07.06.21

Week 4: w/c 14.06.21

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/>



Allergies

Due to allergies in school we must stress that nuts, of any sort, must not be brought into school. This includes products that contain nuts in their ingredients, for e.g. chocolate spread. For the safety of our children, please ensure this is adhered to.

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

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
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.

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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.