



Dear Families of Swillington Primary School,

### **Thank you**

Thank you all for this week. On Tuesday, we had a safeguarding audit. I am pleased to report that we passed the audit and also had some exemplary practice. The auditor spoke to some pupils about staying safe and was extremely impressed with their articulation and responses.

### **Travel-Tokyo**

We are really excited to take part in the Travel Tokyo Challenge. Simply complete a physical activity and log it on the website below using our postcode- LS26 8DX.

<https://www.getset.co.uk/travel-tokyo/log-activity>

### **Walk to school week**

Our school is taking part in Walk to School Week (17-21 May). The nationwide event is organised by walking charity Living Streets and designed to help pupils experience first-hand the importance of walking to school. Children will be well on their way to reaching their recommended 60 minutes minimum of physical activity per day before even reaching the school gates! Not only will it set them up for a positive day in the classroom, but it will also help create healthy habits for life.

The theme of this year's event is 'Walking Superpowers' and through the week, pupils will be introduced to five different Walking Superpowers who will teach them all about these benefits and reinforce the power of walking, superhero style! Each pupil will be challenged to travel sustainably (walk, wheel, scoot, cycle or Park and Stride) to school every day for one week using wallchart and stickers to log their journeys. Each class will work collectively to make as many active journeys to school as possible across the week. Individual activity diaries, daily stickers and end of week pupil rewards will complement this activity, reinforcing the benefits and keeping children engaged.

What do I need to do as a parent/carer? We would ask, if possible, to make arrangements so that your child/children can travel actively to school on w/c 17 May, helping our school reduce congestion and pollution around the school gates. In return, your child will earn special stickers and a badge! Walking, wheeling, scooting and cycling all count! If you live far away from school and need to drive or take public transport, try parking the car or hopping off the bus/train ten minutes away and walking the rest of the journey.

### **Water coolers**

Over the Easter holidays, we have had water coolers installed in the Northern and Southern Hemisphere. If your child brings a water bottle to school, they can fill it up during the day.

### **Handwashing**

We are advised that regular hand washing helps to stop the spread of coronavirus. Some children already use a different soap. If your child is showing a reaction to our soap, please let school know. We will reduce the amount of hand washing to key times. Thank you.

### **Attendance**

Thank you for supporting your child's attendance.

To date our attendance for the year is 97.2 %

**This week, our whole school attendance has been 95%. This is extremely low and is due to holidays being taken in term time.**

### **Contacting school over the weekend**

So that we can contact other members of a class bubble, please let us know if your child receives a positive test result. **We will only need to be informed of a positive test.**

**Only contact us using this mobile school number- 0776 1749 214. Please send a text message. Thank you.**

### **Uniform**

We fully understand that your child/children may have grown out of their uniform over lock down. We are more than happy for your child to wear a navy/white polo shirt which can be purchased from most supermarkets. There is no pressure to buy a green coloured uniform with a logo.

### **Wrap Around care**

Our Breakfast Club and Tea Time Club is running as normal. If you would like to book your child into any of these, please contact the school office.

### **Assembly Theme**

We discussed the importance of being an 'upstander'. We watched the following video to support our understanding. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eeqQCyQOCPg>

### **Packed Lunch Policy**

We will shortly be reintroducing our packed lunch policy. We have noticed that many children are bringing confectionery in their packed lunches. Please note, these are not allowed in packed lunches. A cake bar or a biscuit is allowed and forms part of a balanced lunch.

### **Lunches from April 2021**

The menu is on our website. Next week will be the Week 2 menu.

We have made some changes to Week 3 Menu, an updated version can be found on the school website.

<https://swillingtonprimary.com/assets/Uploads/School-Dinner-Menu-April-2021.pdf>

### **Calendar 2021-2022**

We will confirm our training days for next year.

<https://swillingtonprimary.com/parents/calendar/>

**Staggered start/finish times- Summer 1**

Please remember to arrive/collect at the **start time of your allocated slot**. Thank you.

**A-G** to arrive at **8.40**-8.50 Leave at **3.00**-3.10

**H-N** to arrive at **8.50**-9.00 Leave at **3.10**-3.20

**O-Z** to arrive at **9.00**-9.10 Leave at **3.20**-3.30

Please can I also remind parents about adhering to social distancing whilst dropping off and collecting.

We hope you all have a happy and safe bank holiday weekend.

Thank you,

*Mr M Cahill*  
*Headteacher*

