



Dear Families of Swillington Primary School,

Thank you

Thank you again for another great week. I am overwhelmed by how supportive you all are and I feel very lucky to lead such a fantastic team.

Brigshaw Learning Partnership Site Visit

You may have noticed that this Tuesday we had two visitors from the Brigshaw Learning Partnership, they ensured they wore masks at all times. The purpose of their visit was to ensure our COVID risk assessment was working effectively to keep us all as safe as possible. I am pleased to say the visit went really well. Below are some of their findings.

*Throughout the school it is abundantly clear that there is consistency of approach and an absolute commitment to adhering to the protocols and control measures. It is also clear that there is a consistently positive, reassuring and welcoming approach throughout school as colleagues welcomed children to school and worked with them. It was wonderful to see children skipping into school, families being so positive about their return and to see them learning again.*

*We can confirm that adults in school are making every effort to maintain social distance and reduce risk of transmission, particularly across bubbles. Staff seemed happy and secure with the arrangements. Staff have adapted their working patterns to support additional cleaning or provision of other measures. Careful thought has been given to enable teachers to safely observe other teachers for important professional development.*

*Classrooms throughout school have managed to balance the need to be covid-secure with the need to still be brilliant places of learning. Classrooms and the whole school look calm, uncluttered and organised, reflecting the care and attention that your staff have taken. It is clear significant work has gone into getting the school ready for your children. It is also clear that they are responding superbly. Careful and specific adjustments for SEND pupils were evident and were clearly having a positive impact.*

*Arrangements are very clear. Systems are simple and sustainable with clear notices around school at key points to identify what needs to happen. Communications with families have been very clear and have been well received.*

Attendance

Again, I am really pleased to report that our attendance for this week has been 97.8%. Considering the current situation, this is brilliant! Thank you to parents and carers for making this possible.

Rewards

This week I have contacted many parents and carers to celebrate proud moments their child/children have had in school. I am really pleased at the feedback I have received around our online assembly. This afternoons assembly went really well and it was great to see so many parents.

Reading and book bags

Our team are working hard to ensure a safe system can be in place for reading books to go home. If you need your child to bring a bag- they can leave this in their lockers.

Parents Evening Autumn 2

We have decided that a socially distanced face to face meeting would be the best option. The booking system will be active next week and parents/carers will be able to book a 15 minute time slot. Parents/carers will access the meeting through their child's external class room door. The room will be well ventilated and a distance of over 2 metres will be observed.

As always, if you need any support or advice please contact school/speak to me on a morning or afternoon.

Have a great weekend. Stay safe.

Thank you,

*Mr M Cahill*

*Headteacher*