



Dear Families of Swillington Primary School,

Thank you

Thank you all for this week. I really enjoyed teaching Elephant Class this morning using Google Meet. We understand this is a really tricky time for families homeschooling. Please get in touch with us if you need any support. Other than rain, we have managed to avoid snow!

Home Learning

As well as all the fantastic learning provided by teachers, remember we have a wealth of further sites on our school website- <https://swillingtonprimary.com/curriculum/home-learning-websites/>

Lateral flow testing for staff

You may be aware that, from next week, staff can opt in to take the 30 minute COVID 19 tests at home. 1 in 3 people are asymptomatic therefore this testing programme can help break the chain of transmission within a community. As you can imagine, if staff opt in to do this, they may have to isolate or travel for a further test. This may mean we need to collapse bubbles at short notice and home learning would need to be delivered.

Our Assembly Theme

This week in assembly we have been learning about being independent. We really want to encourage these skills as we know for those pupils at home and for parents working from home it can be really tricky. We also talked about the expectations of home learning and being ready to learn. Where possible, we suggested learning at a table or at least from a chair/sat up and having all the equipment ready prior to the lesson.

Cold weather/slippery surfaces

Please be careful on a morning when walking to school and walking around the school site. Similar to last week, we will try and text you in the morning if we feel the ground surface is particularly icy. We will always endeavour to grit the surface and use the main entrance to minimise any risk.

Lunches

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

Calendar 2021-2022

We will confirm our training days for next year.

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

Staggered start/finish times- Spring 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 weekend.

Thank you,

Mr M Cahill
Headteacher

