



Spring Vale Primary Weekly News – 1st April 2022

Parking (Emergency vehicles/zigzags)



Now that the weather is getting better, please consider parking a short distance away from school and walking your child(ren) the rest of the way. This will help with congestion in the roads surrounding school. Today I have had a conversation with a very sensible parent. The vast majority of the school community park in a polite and considerate way. The reason we are concerned about parking always goes back to the safety of children. I'm afraid it is down to you, as parents, to park considerately and to consider walking if you don't live far from school. The police do still carry out spot checks and will issue fines to anyone parked on the zigzags or yellow lines. These are there to keep children safe. I have been called out to look at parking a couple of times this term but cannot always be available. I cannot let parking take the school leaders away from raising the academic standards of your children. However, we will continue to strive to make parking and travelling to school as safe and enjoyable as possible.

PE Kit

We have had some parents asking if there could be an alternative to the current tracksuit bottoms available from Ron Flowers. We have liaised with them and there will soon be the option to buy some made from different material. When we have a mock-up of them, we will display them in the main entrance for parents to see. In September, we will insist that PE kit is in school colours, ie sky blue t-shirt, maroon hoodie and navy blue joggers. This year, we have given our families one year in preparation for children to wear correct PE kit. It is so lovely to see the vast majority of children in at least school colours. If any families struggle with this as we move towards September, please come and have a conversation with us in school. Our school PE kit is just as important as our school uniform. A reminder of correct uniform can be found on the school website within the school Prospectus.

Late to school

There are a number of children arriving late to school every day. Children who arrive late for school are missing the beginning of their first lesson. Can I please remind parents that all children must arrive at school between 8.30 am and 8.45 am. They should enter school through their classroom door, not via the main office. We understand that some lateness is unavoidable but would ask that you telephone the school office to advise if your child is going to arrive late to school.



Leave of Absence

The Governing Body of Spring Vale Primary School are keen to maintain the school's very good attendance record. Our policy for leave of absence taken during term time is





in line with Local and National guidelines. Current legislation states that any application for leave of absence (holiday) must be in exceptional circumstances and must be approved by the Headteacher in advance of the leave being taken. The Headteacher must be satisfied that the circumstances warrant the granting of leave. The current law does not allow parents to take their child(ren) out of school during term time. **Parents can be fined for taking their child(ren) out of school during term time without consent from the school.**



Provisional Term Dates 2022/2023



Autumn Term 2022

- Term Time: Monday 5 September 2022 to Friday 21 October 2022
- Half Term: Monday 24 October to Friday 28 October
- Term Time: Monday 2 November 2022 – Friday 16 December 2022

Spring Term 2023

- Term Time: Tuesday 3 January 2023 to Friday 17 February 2023
- Half Term: Monday 20 February to Friday 24 February
- Term Time: Monday 27 February 2023 to Friday 31 March 2023

Summer Term 2023

- Term Time: Monday 17 April 2023 to Friday 26 May 2023
- Half Term: Monday 29 May to Friday 2 June
- Term Time: Monday 5 June 2023 to Tuesday 25 July 2023

There are 5 inset days during an academic year - we have not yet set our inset days for 2022/23

