



Salisbury Academy for Inspirational Learning

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Parent Communication 3.09.25

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Prior to the start of the new school year on **Monday 8th September** I wanted to send out some key information to make sure that the first day of term is as smooth as possible.

I hope you have all managed to have a positive and restful break and we very much look forward to welcoming our current students back to school and our new students into school for their first new term.

Arriving in the morning and picking up at the end of the day

The arrival and pick-up process will continue as was the case last year. However, for those of you who are new to us please see the following.

Gates for cars and taxis will be open from approximately 8.15 in the morning and 2.15 at the end of the day. As before we will be using the left-hand side entrance for Taxis and the right-hand side entrance for parents. If anything isn't clear when you arrive, please ask, as I and other senior staff will be on the gates to meet and greet as you come to the school.

Students will be using the ground floor entrance, where staff will be posted, as was the case last year. For the first day only, secondary children will be entering through the hall doors rather than the back entrance so they can meet the rest of their class and teachers before going to class.

It is the expectation that any child who is bringing a mobile phone with them uses a Yonder pouch, provided by the school and these are stored away. Staff will support students in the process and knowing what to do if they are unsure. We are a no mobile phone school and therefore if there are any students who struggle with this, we will ask that their phone is kept at home and not brought in at all. On occasion where there is a necessary reason for a student to have a mobile phone, specific storage arrangements are made.

At the end of the day the pick-up process is a reverse of the entry process. Again, staff will be on hand to ensure that students are well supported with this transition.

Timetables

We will be giving the students their timetables on Monday and taking the opportunity to go through these with them so that they understand them fully.

Where there have been some changes in the approach to the secondary timetable, this will be fully explained to students and they will be supported to fully benefit from this great opportunity.

We are absolutely delighted this year to welcome some new teachers to the school who bring with them a wealth of knowledge and experience – including staff with specialist expertise in art and DT, further enhancing the offer we provide.

Student Absence

If your child is ill and unable to come to school, please do not communicate this using Dojo but contact the office directly at the earliest convenient point. It is essential that we know what is going on and where children are on any given day, therefore, please try to contact us by 8.00am.

Email: Reception@sail-academy.org Tel: 01722 694013

Medicines

Where your child needs to take medication, please do not hand this directly to the class teacher. This needs to be given straight to the office and a medication form completed. Without this we are unable to administer any medication to your child.

Our lead for first aid and medication is Alicja Tarka. Therefore if you need to discuss anything specifically, please contact her directly, either via the office: Tel: 01722 694013 or by email: alicja.tarka@sail-academy.org

Reminder for key contacts:

If in doubt, or if you need to find something out and you are not sure who to contact, please contact the school office:

Email: Reception@sail-academy.org Tel: 01722 694013

Where you need to discuss on-going updates, or you need to let class teachers/ tutors know something to support your child's day going as well as possible, please contact them either via email or Dojo.

However, if the issue is more logistical or general please contact the office directly or any of the following senior leaders in relation to their responsibility areas:

Role	Name	Contact them for	Email/ tel no.
Executive Headteacher	Matt Sambrook	Whole school leadership/ organisation Staffing Health and safety Budget School improvement	Matthew.sambrook@sail-academy.org
Deputy Headteacher (SENCO)	Dan Goldstraw	Annual reviews and EHCPs Admissions/ transition Adapted timetables Therapies/ AP Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (DDSL)	Daniel.goldstraw@sail-academy.org
Deputy Headteacher (Quality of education)	Susannah Roberts	Curriculum Teaching and learning Assessment Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (DDSL)	Susannah.roberts@sail-academy.org
Deputy Headteacher (Pastoral)	Charlotte Pullinger	Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) Pastoral lead Behaviour Attendance	Charlotte.Pullinger@sail-academy.org
Assistant Headteacher	Andy Fulker	KS4 lead Exams officer Careers/ destinations / preparation for adulthood PSHE lead	Andrew.fulker@sail-academy.org
Acting Assistant Headteacher	Caroline Morland	Reading Lead Humanities lead Personal development lead	Caroline.morland@sail-academy.org

Office Manager	Kay Ball	Lead for administration Central contact for communications with the school, general queries.	Reception@sail-academy.org
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Pastoral

As we begin a new school term, we'd like to extend a warm welcome back to all our pupils and families. We hope the holidays provided time for rest, connection, and fun.

Returning to school can bring a mix of emotions for children – excitement, nerves, and everything in between. At SAIL, we are committed to ensuring every child feels safe, supported, and ready to learn.

Safeguarding Reminders

Open Communication

- Encourage your child to talk about their day and share any worries.
- Remind them that trusted adults at school are always available to help.

Attendance & Punctuality

- Regular attendance supports wellbeing and learning.
- If your child is struggling with the return to school, please reach out – we're here to help.

Online Safety

- Continue to monitor your child's online activity at home.
- Talk about safe and respectful behaviour online and offline.

Updated Contact Details

- Please ensure we have up-to-date emergency contact information.
- Let us know of any changes to medical needs or safeguarding concerns.

Supporting Wellbeing

Settling In

- We understand that transitions can be challenging. Staff are ready to support pupils as they settle back into routines.

Mental Health & Emotional Support

- Our pastoral team is available for any child needing extra support.
- We also work closely with external agencies to provide additional help where needed.

Healthy Habits

- Encourage good sleep routines, balanced meals, and time for relaxation.
- Talk positively about school and help your child prepare for the day ahead.

If you have any concerns or would like to speak to a member of our safeguarding or pastoral team, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Together, we can ensure every child feels safe, valued, and ready to thrive.

Reward, Recognition and a Big Thank You!

We're excited to share the difference the **Merit Reward System** has made since its launch. We saw a real boost in pupils' motivation, participation, and behaviour at the end of the academic year. We're eager to replicate this success in the coming year!

A sincere thank you to all the parents and carers who contributed to the Merit Shop last year. Your generosity played a vital role in our achievements.

As we aim to continue this rewarding initiative, we would love your help to keep our shop stocked with exciting and inspiring items for our pupils. If you're able to donate any small, new items, we would be most grateful. Popular donations include:

- **Stationery**
- **Small toys or games**
- **Craft materials**

Every contribution helps keep the Merit Shop vibrant and meaningful for our pupils.

We also extend our appreciation to the PTA for organising a successful fundraising event at the end of the term, which aided in purchasing additional items for the shop. Your effort and dedication are deeply appreciated.

We would also like to make a **special mention to Allisdair Duncan who has generously and kindly donated a brand-new HP Laptop.**



We are **immensely grateful** for this donation, and our extended thanks go to **Allisdair** for his support, which will significantly enhance our pupil's motivation and make a real difference to the pupil's life that receives it. The pupils are unaware of this donation at present, therefore please allow us a school to make it known when we re-launch the system, once the pupils have returned to school.

Your unwavering support and generosity truly make a difference. The strong partnership between home and school is essential in fostering a positive and nurturing environment where every child can thrive. Thank you.

Arbor Parent Portal

You will have received an email regarding the new parent portal from us, and from Arbor with your login details. Please ensure you login to this so you can order your child's meals for September. If you are having trouble, **please pop in and speak to the ladies in reception.** It is essential that you are able to order lunches via Arbor going forward.

Key Dates

We will be sending out and updating key dates each week, so please watch this space in newsletters next year

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Monday 8th September – First day back at school

We very much look forward to seeing you on Monday and beginning the new school year

Kind regards

Matt Sambrook

Executive Headteacher

SAIL Academy