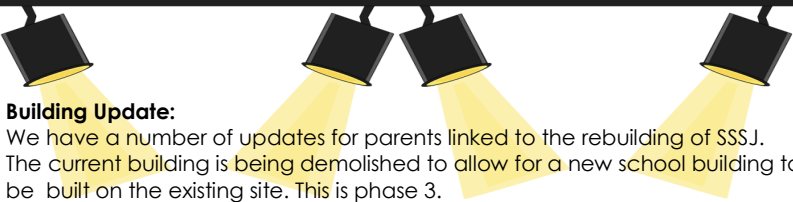




SSSJ School Newsletter



22nd September 2023



Building Update:

We have a number of updates for parents linked to the rebuilding of SSSJ. The current building is being demolished to allow for a new school building to be built on the existing site. This is phase 3.

Exciting News!

At the same time we are working on phase 2 which involves installing portacabins on Walkers Field. The work on the field has started today. This involves building a road from Newport Road across our existing field to ensure heavy goods vehicles can access the site. Given the amount of heavy machinery, the site will be made secure to ensure our families are safe.

This will mean that the access from Parkfield Road and Arlington Street will be blocked off to avoid entry to a construction site. The only entrance to school will be via Cotefield Avenue. We have spoken to our Estates Team to ensure the entrance via Cotefield Avenue is safer for families to enter the school site.
Miss Katie Jones



DROPPING OFF AND COLLECTING RECEPTION AND YEAR 1 CHILDREN

Due to the building work that is taking place on Walkers Field we need to slightly change the location of the drop off and pick up. The timings will remain the same.

DROP OFF

When you arrive with your child at 8.45am, your child will line up at the class signs like usual. These will be positioned at the bottom of the hill on the left hand side. You will see the staff positioned there on arrival.

PICK UP RECEPTION

The pick up for Reception pupils will remain exactly the same. You will continue to come through the gate, walk round the building to the Reception playground and then back through the building.

PICK UP YEAR 1

The year 1 pick up will be in the same place as the year 1 drop off. Parents will be asked to wait patiently at the bottom of the hill, so we can ensure the children are all lined up safely before releasing them. We will still be asking parents to stay behind the cones so we can ensure the children are safe.

Although the system remains the same it will take some time for the children to get used to the new location so please bear with us.

Attendance

At SSSJ, we monitor attendance on a daily and weekly basis. We also speak to our pupils about attendance and punctuality as part of our learning review system. The table below details how we colour code attendance at SSSJ.

Code	Cause for concern	Unacceptable	Borderline	Acceptable	Very Good	Excellent
Attendance	Below 94%		94-95.5%	95.5-96.9%	97%+	

Week beginning: 18.09.2023

Year Group	Attendance	Year Group	Attendance
Ladybirds		Year 3	95%
Caterpillars		Year 4	95%
Reception	94%	Year 5	93%
Year 1	95%	Year 6	92%
Year 2	96%		

YEAR 1 - PE

Year 1 will have PE on MONDAYS. Children can come to school in their sports kit/tracksuit. Please ensure your child is warm enough as they will be doing PE outside, weather permitted.

CLOSURE

The school office will not be accessible to parents until at least **Wednesday 27th September**. If you need us in the meantime please call us on **01204 333583** or email the school office on **ssssoffice@vantageacademies.co.uk**

SPOTLIGHT ON LEARNING:

So far we have had an amazing start to the new school year. The children have been truly remarkable. They have settled into their new routines at the four different locations seamlessly showing how adaptable they are. As a school we have continued to focus on learning, ensuring we provide the children with a broad and balanced curriculum. Below is a selection of pictures showing learning in action.



PARKING OUTSIDE SCHOOL

Could we please remind parents to be mindful when parking to drop off and collect their children from any of the new locations. We appreciate it can get extremely busy, but there has been a number of incidents recently and we have had reports that residents are unable to park on their drive ways. Our number one priority is to ensure our children, staff and parents are safe when arriving, collecting and dropping off their at school.

SCHOOL CROSSING

A number of parents have asked if it would be possible to have additional crossing patrols further up Green Lane, for children accessing the Railway club. Bolton Council have conducted a risk assessment and have recommended that the safest place for the children to cross is using the zebra crossing.



Reading @ SSSJ

Last year we successfully implemented the Read Write Inc phonics programme for children in Reception to Year 2, and pupils within Key Stage 2 who needed a refresher. We are aiming to restart this programme by the end of next week so please look out for your child's reading book.

Children in Key Stage 2 will also start receiving a reading book which should be read at home at least 3 times per week. Again we hope to send these out by the end of next week, once we have received the new delivery.

Thank you for your patience with this. We will continue to provide further updates in our newsletters.



Just a reminder that parents are able to update all personal details on their child's Arbor profile. This includes addresses and phone numbers in case of an emergency.

ALL payments should now be made using the app.

Keeping in touch

There are number of ways that you can keep in touch with school. If you have a concern, please contact us through one of the channels below.

Email: sssjoffice@vantageacademies.co.uk

Telephone: 01204333583

Arrange an appointment with Miss Jones (Principal)