



Parent Handbook

2017 - 2018

Welcome to Simpson's Lane Academy.

Here is some information about us which you may find useful.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any queries.

Aims of the Academy:

- To provide a curriculum that meets the needs of all learners
- To achieve the highest standards of attainment
- Provide pupils with a safe, supportive, well-ordered and happy learning environment
- To provide a learning environment which is stimulating, exciting and challenging
- To ensure the school is caring and inclusive for all children
- Ensure that the school is led and managed effectively

History & Environment of the Academy

The school was built in the 1960s and opened as separate infant and junior schools. The school was amalgamated as a 'through' primary a number of years later. Simpson's Lane enlarged to accommodate Throstle Farm Junior & Infants School which closed in 2010.

The school building was remodelled in 2011/2012 which greatly improved the learning environment of the existing building and provided us with additional classrooms, a Food Technology room, a Foundation Unit and landscaped outdoor spaces.

The school joined Delta Academies Trust (previously School Partnership Trust Academies) in August 2012 and converted to Academy status.

In 2016 the most recent building work was completed creating a new Nursery Unit, an additional hall, one KS1 classroom and four KS2 classrooms, as well as improved access around school.

The Academy Building

There are currently sixteen classes, which includes two classes in the new Nursery Unit.

All areas of the academy site are strictly no smoking.

Dogs are not allowed on the academy site, unless they are assistance dogs.

Contact information:

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Website:	www.simpsonslane.org.uk
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Staff Information

Head of Academy – Miss C Mayers

Vice Principal – Mrs L Fairfield

Assistant Principal – Mr L Colley

Well-being Lead – Mrs L Silburn

Curriculum Leads – Miss S Coopey, Mrs K Linstead, Miss C Moore & Miss A Murphy

SEN Lead – Mrs P Harris

SENCo – Mrs J Dawson

SEN & Well-being Support – Mrs S Olbison

Foundation Stage Lead – Miss C Mayers

Nursery: Meerkats – Miss E Hind

Monkeys – Miss S Hall

Nursery support staff – Mrs H Varley, Mrs Y Wood & Mrs T Wylie

Reception: Parrots – Miss V Rennison

Penguins – Miss R Fell

Reception support staff – Miss A Armitage, Miss S Webster & Mrs J Barrass

Key Stage 1 Lead – Miss A Murphy

Year 1: Flamingos – Miss A Murphy

Foxes – Miss E Barker

Year 1 support staff – Miss R Burton & Mrs L Thomas

Year 2: Pandas – Mrs K Linstead

Polar Bears – Mr S Whittaker

Year 2 support staff – Mrs S Belch, Mrs S Newton, Mrs K Walsh & Mrs N Wright

Key Stage 2 Lead – Mr L Colley

Year 3: Elephants – Miss S Ibbotson

Rabbits – Miss C Moore

Year 4: Eagles – Mr G Wilkinson

Giraffes – Mr S Forrest

Lower Key Stage 2 support staff – Mrs N Gill, Mrs K Greaves, Mrs K Tolson & Mrs M Wilkinson

Year 5: Llamas – Miss L Holmes

Wolves – Mrs J Dawson

Year 5 support staff: Mr D Pegg

Year 6: Dolphins – Mr L Colley

Turtles – Miss S Coopey

Year 6 support staff – Mr C Elliott, Miss L McKeown & Miss C Winn

School Direct Trainees – Miss K Jamieson & Miss V Owen

Caretaker – Mr A Yates

Bursar & Administrators – Mrs S Murphy, Mrs E Coakley & Mrs K Storr

SEN Administrator – Mrs H Lockett

Reading Support – Mrs L Bullough

School Times

Breakfast Club:	8.00-8.30a.m.	Cost: 75p
School starts:	8.30a.m.	
Lunch time:	Reception:	11.30-12.30p.m.
	Year 1:	11.40-12.30p.m.
	Year 2:	11.50-12.40p.m.
	Year 3:	12.00-12.50p.m.
	Year 4:	12.10-1.00p.m.
	Year 5:	12.20-1.10p.m.
	Year 6:	12.30-1.20p.m.
End of the day:	Mon - Thurs	3.15p.m.
	Friday	1.00p.m.
Nursery times:	Morning session	8.30-11.30a.m.
	Afternoon session	12.15-3.15p.m.

Collection arrangements

We are unable to send a child home with another adult without prior permission from parents/carers and children will never be sent home with an unknown person. Please ensure that all adults you authorise have been registered with our school office or class teachers.

Uniform

All children are expected to wear school uniform. Children will be issued with one free sweatshirt or cardigan with the Academy logo on at the start of the year, plus indoor plimsolls for children in Y1-Y6. Please see the office to buy or order additional sweatshirts, jumpers or plimsolls.

The uniform for Nursery to Year 5 consists of:

Jumper/Cardigan:	Royal blue with/without academy logo
Skirt/Pinafore: Trousers/Shorts:	Grey or black
Shirt/blouse/polo shirt:	White
Summer dress:	Blue and white gingham check
Footwear:	Black shoes - No heels - No backless shoes, e.g. flipflops

We ask that jewellery isn't worn. If earrings must be worn they should be small studs only.

Hair should be naturally coloured and styled (no extreme hair styles or patterns), with long hair tied back in a ponytail or plaits.

To support transition to high school we have introduced a new uniform for Year 6 from September 2017 which includes a different jumper or cardigan to the rest of school and a clip-on tie. The uniform for Year 6 consists of:

Y6 Jumper/Cardigan:	Royal blue 'V' neck with academy 'swoosh' logo
Skirt/Pinafore: Trousers/Shorts:	Grey or black
Shirt/blouse:	White
Y6 Tie:	Royal blue with fine red stripe Clip-on
Summer dress:	Blue and white gingham check
Footwear:	Black shoes - No heels - No backless shoes, e.g. flipflops

Please ensure all items of clothing are labelled with your child's full name, including footwear and coats.

The academy will not accept responsibility for lost items of uniform or other clothing.

PE

All children from Y1 to Y6 are provided with shorts, a t-Shirt and bag at the start of the academic year which remains in school at all times. The PE Kit is as follows:

T-shirt:	White round neck
Shorts:	Black
Footwear:	Trainers or pumps for outdoor PE - No footwear is worn in the halls
Outdoor PE:	Black or navy jogging bottoms

Outdoor PE kit or trainers should either be brought to school on the days your child has their PE lessons. Teachers will communicate when PE lessons are timetabled.

All items of outdoor PE kit, including footwear should be labelled.

Children will not be able to participate in outdoor PE lessons if they do not have appropriate footwear, e.g. trainers or an additional pair of pumps.

Personal Belongings

Please do not allow your child to bring anything valuable into school. Anything brought in is at the owner's risk; the academy cannot accept responsibility for personal property. If it is for a particular purpose, please ask the class teacher to lock items away for security.

Standards of Behaviour

The school policy outlines the behaviours to be expected of all in the school. There is a clear structure for dealing with different stages of behaviour which are included in the Behaviour Policy. If you wish to see a copy of this please ask at the Main Office or alternatively, you can download the policy from our Academy website – <http://www.simpsonslane.org.uk/Policies>

Lunchtime

Children may bring a packed lunch, have home dinners or have a school meal. A school dinner currently costs £2.10 per child per day; this must be paid for each Monday.

School meals are free for all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.

Families may be eligible for Free School Meals; application forms are available from the school office. As successful Free School Meal applications attract additional funding to the school, we encourage all those who may be eligible to apply. This will enable the school to provide additional staff and other resources to support learning.

Our school kitchen provides healthy and tasty meals which are widely enjoyed by children. Meals are chosen on a weekly or daily basis.

In packed lunches we encourage children to bring a main meal (sandwich, rice etc), fruit and a snack such as yoghurt; sweets and chocolates are not allowed.

Please do not include nuts as some children have severe allergies and can be affected by being close to nuts.

Medicines and Medication

It is essential that you inform the school of any medical condition your child suffers from so that we can make any necessary adjustments or provision.

Asthma inhalers must be clearly labelled and handed to the office so that they can be stored in the classroom – your child will have supervised access as needed.

Medicines prescribed by a doctor may be kept in school and these must also be handed in to the office by the parent/carer; medicines must not be kept in a child's possession. A medical consent form must be completed by parents for any inhalers or medicines prescribed by a doctor which need to be kept and administered at school. We are not able to administer medication which has not been prescribed by a doctor or has been bought over the counter. Medicines are administered by a staff member in the school office who has been trained in First Aid.

Please ensure that you are aware of expiry dates of all medicines and ensure that the ones held in school are current.

Communication

It is essential that the academy has up to date contact details for your child in case of illness or emergency. If you change your address or telephone number please inform someone in the Main Office.

If your child is poorly and cannot attend, please call as soon as possible on **01977 722515**, to give a reason for absence. The academy operates a 'first day response system' where parents will be contacted if their child is absent and a message has not been received.

Messages, Queries, Concerns	Person to Contact
If your child is absent from school...	Please notify the school office each day of absence either by telephone on 01977 722515 or in person. Please note that this notification does not guarantee that absences will be authorised.
If you have a quick message for your child's teacher about collection arrangements, health concerns, home learning...	Talk to your child's teacher at the classroom door. Urgent messages may be left at the school office if you do not get a chance to speak to the teacher.
If you would like to talk about your child's learning progress...	Make an appointment to meet with your child's teacher. If, following your discussion you would like more information, make an appointment to meet with the relevant Key Stage Lead.
If you are concerned about social behaviours or bullying...	Make an appointment to meet with your child's teacher. If, following your discussion you would like more information, make an appointment to meet with the relevant Key Stage Lead or Well-being Lead.
If you would like to discuss something related to your child's teacher...	Make an appointment to meet with the relevant Key Stage Lead, Assistant Principal or Vice Principal
If you would like to discuss your child's special educational needs....	Make an appointment to meet with your child's class teacher or the SENCo or SEN Lead.
If you would like to find out about Breakfast, lunchtime and/or after school clubs or have a query...	Check the school website, ring the office 01977 722515 or ask at the school office.

If your question or concern is not resolved, please make an appointment with the school office to meet with the Head of Academy – Miss C Mayers.

Attendance and Punctuality

We expect all children to arrive in school on time every day and maintain the highest possible levels of attendance throughout the year - our whole school target is 96%.

Attendance below 90% is classed as persistent absence. Children whose attendance falls below this level will be subject to EWO involvement which may result in Penalty Notices being issued if attendance does not improve.

Children whose attendance falls between 90% and 94% will be monitored closely to ensure their attendance improves.

Term time holidays cannot be authorised and will be classed as an unauthorised absence in the register.

Arriving late after registers have closed is also classed as an absence and will be recorded as unauthorised in the register.

Accidents and Illness

From time to time, accidents will happen in the nature of everyday life in a school. These are usually minor and easily treated. We will manage minor cuts and scrapes through our first aid provision at school; it is unlikely that we will make individual contact with you for small injuries. If

however, your child has had a bump or other injury to his/her head, you will be given a written notification which may be in your child's book bag.

If your child is taken ill or has a more serious accident, we will endeavour to contact you by telephone. Please make sure we have details of contact numbers.

Please also make sure that you inform the school when your contact details change.

Sharing Learning and Achievements with Parents

Each week we celebrate the achievements of a child from each class in our 'Celebration Assembly'. During these assemblies a child from each class will be chosen to share their achievements.

We also celebrate attendance and punctuality by drawing a Golden Ticket for those children who have attended 100% during the week to see who will win the Attendance Prize - a £10 Morrisons voucher.

Readers of the Week

To encourage children to read regularly at home there is an incentive for all children. If they read five times each week, including at least three times at home, they are able to come to school in non-school uniform on the following Friday. Reading at home is monitored by teachers and support assistants in your child's class – please sign the reading record in your child's book bag at least three times each week to ensure the hard work of both you and your child is recognised.

School Events

You are invited to join us to celebrate special events throughout the year. We hold a number of events such as assemblies, performances, curriculum activities and workshops, cultural celebrations, charitable events and sports' day. Information regarding these events will be sent out in weekly newsletters and advertised on the academy website and Twitter account.

After-School Clubs

We recognise the need to develop pupils' interests and attitudes alongside the academic requirements of the National Curriculum. A range of extra-curricular activities are offered by teachers/support assistants each term after school hours for children in KS1 and 2. These will change regularly throughout the year to ensure we are able to offer a range of experiences to as many children as possible. Please refer to letters for information regarding clubs and return permission slips as soon as possible. Weekly newsletters will also include information about clubs.

Educational Visits

Educational visits are an important aspect of children's learning. They help to put learning into a real-life context and provide them with experience of the concepts they are learning. We endeavour to make all trips as inexpensive as possible, but to enable educational visits to occur we request contributions from parents.

Members of the Education Advisory Board (EAB) – previously called governors

Our E.A.B. members are supportive and highly motivated. Their vision and passion for continued improvement steers and focuses their decision making process and they challenge and support the school leadership to good effect.

Below is a list of current EAB members:

Mrs P Smith - Chair

Mr R Dawson – Vice Chair & Safeguarding EAB Member

Mrs E Lenc

Mr M Whittle – Delta

Mrs S Thompson - Head of Academy at England Lane Academy

Mr A Cable – Parent Member

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher, the admin staff or a member of the Senior Leadership Trust.

Annual Calendar 2017 - 2018

September		October		November		December	
4th	INSET Day	18th	Halloween Disco – Y1-Y6 only	7th	School Photographs	6th	Christmas Fayre
4th	Y6 Uniform collection – 3pm	20th	Half term	14th	Parents' Evening	13th	Reception Nativity
5th	School reopens	30th	School reopens	TBC	Children in Need – fundraising event	14th	Nursery Nativity
29th	Macmillan Coffee Morning – fundraising event					18th	KS2 Carol Concert
						19th	KS1 Nativity/Performance
						20th	Christmas Disco – Y1-Y6 only
						21st	Christmas Holidays
January		February		March		April	
8th	School reopens	6th	E-Safety Week	1st	World Book Day Event – Dress up as favourite book character	16th	School reopens
TBC	Y2 Residential	16th	Half term	29th	Decorate an Egg Competition		
		26th	School reopens	29th	Easter Holidays		
		26th	Book Week				
May		June		July		4th September 2018 School reopens Please note dates may be subject to change. We will inform you of any changes as/if they arise via the website, Twitter or newsletters.	
1st	KS1 SATs – until 24 th May	4th	INSET Day – school closed	6th	End of Year Reports		
7th	Bank Holiday – school closed	5th	School reopens	10th	EYFS Sports Day		
14th	KS2 SATs Week	11th	Year 1 Phonics Screening week	11th	KS1 Sports Day		
24th	Half term	TBC	Y6 Residential	20th	Y6 Leavers Assembly		
				20th	Summer Holidays		
				23rd	INSET – school closed		
				24th			

