

## Zoe Antoniades' *Cally and Jimmy* Author Visit Outline



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Here is the outline as to how I have been working together with schools to plan how to make the best of author visits in this current climate.

- **Pre-visit prep** - Watch a video on YouTube which I have made that introduces me as an author and also the new book, *Cally & Jimmy Twins in Trouble*. Here are some useful links:

Short introduction to Zoe and the book - National Literary Trust Author of the Week Video (4mins)  
<https://wordsforlife.org.uk/virtual-school-library/author-week-zoe-antoniades/>

Author talk and reading from Story 1 from Cally & Jimmy (16mins)  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4u-Z9p3zAWM&t=100s>

Author interview for the Chiswick Book Festival with reading from Cally & Jimmy (26mins)  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v4XDMMBaKr8&t=14s>

Introduction to the book and reading from Story 4 from Cally & Jimmy (19mins)  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H7-L2n8yFXk&t=19s>

Author Q&A - Zoe answers questions put to her by children from Smallberry Green Primary (18mins)  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1XrA9MxpW4Q&t=271s>

- **Workshops** - sessions are held in the hall with bubble groups of 2-3 classes lasting up to 75mins. Or I could go around the school visiting individual classrooms for shorter sessions of up to 30mins. This could involve story-time with Q&A or longer sessions can include exploring story structures and planning for a follow up creative writing activity.
- **Ordering books** - a letter is sent home with the children offering them an opportunity to order books via the school office (at the discounted price of £5 per copy). After a week or two we collate the forms and I will bring personally signed copies to the school to be administered amongst the classes.

I attach a template of the letter which could be used/adapted by schools for ordering books.

I am happy to adapt plans and tailor them to suit each individual school's requirements and will be very respectful of social distancing and health and safety measures.