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Dear Parent/Carer

I hope, like us, that you are enjoying the wider freedoms that we are now able to experience as part of everyday life. Here's to hoping that the weather provides us with the chance to spend more time outdoors, where we know it is still safer to be when meeting others from outside our own household.

It is because of the recent changes that I wanted to take this opportunity to write out to you, jointly with your school's Head Teacher.

From 17th May 2021, we have had the freedoms to meet with a great number of people and, more specifically, to be able to meet those people at indoor venues. It is inevitable that as we have these options available to us, there will be an increased risk of the coronavirus spreading. All of our schools have strict measures in places to minimise this risk and the safe systems of work that are used have, so far, been highly effective in keeping your child(ren) in school. However, over the past few days, we have seen an increase in cases both regionally (with talk of a new Yorkshire variant) and, specifically, in our schools. It is with this in mind that we ask for your continued support. **Vigilance is paramount.** If you, your child, or anyone in your household displays symptoms of COVID-19, please have a PCR test (at a testing centre) conducted at your earliest convenience. We have been asked by our local Public Health Team to remind families that the LFD (Lateral Flow Device) testing kits, which can be completed at home, are for asymptomatic people only and should **NOT** be used if someone is displaying symptoms. Continue, where possible, to maintain social distancing and high standards of hygiene, especially hand hygiene and wearing of masks.

If you, your child, or anyone in your household, displays any symptoms, that person should immediately isolate until a PCR test confirms if you/they have COVID-19 or not.

PLEASE DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL IF THEY HAVE ANY SYMPTOMS

When reporting a confirmed case of COVID-19 to your school, it is **IMPERATIVE** that you use the school's procedures for doing so. Using any other means of communicating this result to the school can significantly delay the time-critical activities that need to take place following a notification of a positive case. Your school's Head Teacher will detail their procedure again overleaf.

I do appreciate that as we have been living under these circumstances for such a long period of time, we all relax our approach to the measures that are there to keep us safe. I therefore make no apology that I am reiterating these to you now. Please help us to keep our schools open to as many children as we possibly can. Doing your small part is contributing to a much bigger picture of ensuring that your child(ren) can attend school.

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The procedure for reporting a positive COVID-19 test result, whether it be via LFD or PCR test, is to email covidtest@swanlandschool.co.uk . Please do not use SeeSaw, Tapestry or the office email address as these may not be monitored out of hours.

Thank you for your continuing support, now and in the future.

Yours sincerely



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