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Thursday 2nd July 2020

Dear Parents/Carers of RHM

We just wanted to clarify arrangements for transition over the last few weeks of school. Your child's teacher next year will be **Mrs Jenkinson** and the teaching assistants, at different times in the week, will be **Miss Carter, Mrs Bradbury, Mrs Hunter and Miss Shirley**. (All staffing could change subject to Department for Education Guidance).

Over the next week, commencing 6th July, the staff in your child's class for next year will arrange with the staff in your child's bubble to come and meet the children outdoors for a short transition session. The sessions will happen at **1.30 pm to 2.30 pm on Tuesday and Thursday** so that all the children in school can attend at some time. Strict social distancing will take place at all times between staff and children, with more than 2 metres between the staff and children at all times. We hope that this will help your child to understand and feel comfortable with arrangements for next year. The staff will introduce themselves and talk a little about what Year 1 will be like. Unfortunately, at this time, the staff will be unable to show the children around their new classroom.

If your child is not attending school that week and you would like them to attend, please let the teacher know via Tapestry and they will agree with you which session your child can attend. Your child will be able to access the school grounds via the gate at the back of school and you should pick them up from the same place at 2.30 pm.

Your child will also receive a video from the Year 1 staff in their new class. In this video, the staff will introduce themselves and show the children around the key areas, where to come in and line up during the morning etc.

If your child has any questions, please ask them what they are and email them to year1@swanlandschool.co.uk

Please also note that during the final week of term, week commencing 13th July, there will be no wider provision for Reception children; we will be only open to Key Worker children. This is so that we can provide transition support for the rest of the children in school and it will enable us to have enough space to be able to meet with all children outdoors.

On Monday 7th September 2020, at the start of the new academic year, we hope to be able to arrange a full class get together/transition day with their previous year teacher. The children will then, in the afternoon, have the chance to visit their new classroom, see where the class line up etc and then will be prepared and confident for the next day when they start in their new classroom. We hope this will alleviate any worries or concerns that the children have about starting a new year when they have not been able to do the usual transition work. Of course, all of this is dependent on Government guidelines and if it is not possible, we may have to cancel this date and school would then start as usual on Tuesday 8th September.

Thank you for your continuing support over the past few months at this very difficult time.

Yours sincerely



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Head of School