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SCHOOL OPENING FROM JUNE 1st UPDATE

Dear Parents/ Carers of children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6

Thank you for filling in the sign-up form regarding returning to school from 1st June. In line with Government and Local Authority guidance, this will be done with a staggered intake over a number of days or weeks starting with the youngest children. We will continue to be in touch over the coming week with further details about the timings of the school day and arrangements for dropping off and picking up but wanted to keep you all informed of the arrangements to date.

In the first instance, should the Government give the go ahead that it is safe to do so, we will be inviting Reception children back on 1st June. They will work in small groups organised so that every child will be, as far as possible, with a familiar adult. We have also been advised to stagger the start and finish times for the children returning to school, in order to ensure that social distancing can take place. We will send further information about this in due course. The East Riding Local Authority has advised schools to invite Year 1 children in starting the week commencing 8th June, if we feel we are able to safely welcome the Year 1 children in before that date, we will let you know. The return to school for all year groups will be on a part-time basis, which is also in line with many other schools locally and nationally, with Fridays being for Key Worker children only. This is so that we can provide adequate staffing and continue to provide home learning for those who are not in school. Once the Reception and Year 1 children have returned to school, we will be able to assess the viability and safety of welcoming back Year 6 children, whilst still being able to abide by Government guidelines.

As always, our first priority is to provide childcare for Key Worker children and, from 1st June, the children of Key Workers from Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 will work with children from their own year groups. Key Workers will be able to continue to send their children in at the usual school start and finish times if required. If you are a Key Worker and have not used the Key Worker childcare arrangements over the past 10 weeks, please send evidence of Key Worker Status to office@swanlandschool.co.uk in order to be added to the sign-up list.

Some Non-Key Worker parents have asked, if the school does open to Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 children, can they send their children in only on the parents' working days. We are very happy for you to do this and, next week, we will send a link for you to submit which days you will require during the times we are open to each year group. If you do not know your working days at that time, then please complete it for all the days you could be at work and then let us know if you no longer need to send your child(ren) to school.

For your information, we will not be asking children to wear school uniform and instead ask that children come in clothing and footwear suitable for outside play and exercise.

School lunches will be provided for those who require them (including Universal Infant Free School Meals for Reception and Year 1 children) but owing to numbers of children and the fact that we are no longer advised to have lunch in communal areas, meal times will take place in the classroom and will be a packed lunch option only.

We will be in touch in next few days with the Key Worker sign-up link for half term and June and with further information about the arrangements for returning to school.

Yours sincerely



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