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Dear Parent/Carer

We are looking forward to welcoming all the Years 1–6 children back on Wednesday 8th September and the new Reception children, for their half-day visits, during that week. We hope that you have all had an enjoyable summer and that the children are looking forward to their return to school!

Just a reminder that each morning children will be able to enter the school between 8.45 am and 8.55 am – they will not need to line up on the playground. Staff will be on the playground to welcome the children and show them into their new classrooms. Doors will close at 8.55 am; after this time you will need to bring your child(ren) into the school via the School Office and they will receive a late mark.

Following public health information, ‘normal’ school life will resume this term, with no bubble system in place. Assemblies and lunch times will be able to take place in the usual way, although, initially we will be holding assemblies in Key Stages.

Should there be an ‘outbreak’ within school (5 or more pupils or staff who have mixed closely) then we would be involved in an outbreak management meeting and it may be necessary for us to go back to the bubble system and other control measures.

If any person has symptoms of COVID–19, it is still a requirement for them to isolate and take a PCR test. Members of the household will not need to isolate if they are:

- Fully vaccinated adults;
- Children under the age of 18 years and 6 months;
- Clinical trial participants;
- Medical exemptions.

Close contacts will now be identified via NHS Test and Trace, who will work with the positive case and/or their parents to identify close contacts. This means it is unlikely you will be contacted by school when there is a positive case.

It is not a requirement for children of primary school age to undertake Lateral Flow Testing, however, by doing so this may help to reduce the chance of positive cases within school; Lateral Flow tests can be picked up easily from pharmacies. Lateral Flow Tests are for asymptomatic testing only; any person with COVID–19 symptoms should isolate and book a PCR test. Please do inform us as soon as possible of any positive Covid result by either calling the office or emailing covidtest@swanlandschool.co.uk

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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