



NEW SWANNINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear parents/carers

A NEW SCHOOL YEAR – 2021/2022

I hope that you have had a lovely summer break and managed to make lots of memories. As holidays are beginning to draw to a close I thought that it would may be useful to confirm a few details relating to the start of the new academic year.

- We are pleased to confirm that our Wraparound Care will be open for business from the 25 August 2021. The details are as follows:

Breakfast Club: 7.30am until 8.30am - £3.00 per child per day (includes breakfast)

After School Club: after school until 5.15pm - £8.00 per child per day (includes a light snack)

Bookings should be made on Pay360 (the new name for SIMs Pay) -

<https://www.pay360educationpayments.com/Home>

- Unless your child is in Wraparound Care and has arrived earlier, the school gates will continue to open from **8.30am** onwards to allow for a slower and more relaxed start to the day. Children are encouraged to come into school from 8.30am and they will be directed straight to their classrooms.
- Parents are encouraged to drop children at the front gate (as is the current practice). This helps to limit high levels of foot traffic on site and also encourages our children's independence.
- The school gates will now be closed at **8.50am** (in line with previous school start times). Children arriving after this time will receive a late mark (unless alternative arrangements have been agreed and are in place for individual children). Attendance levels are monitored by the Attendance Team at County Hall and I would, therefore, encourage children to arrive on time.
- The pick-up time for children in EYFS and KS1 will move to **3.05pm**. Parents/carers of EYFS and Year 1 children will be invited into the KS1 playground where our staff will bring your child(ren) out to you. Parents/carers of Year 2 children will collect from the front of school (as is currently the case).
- The pick-up time for children in KS2 will be at **3.15pm** and again children will come out to the front of school (as is currently the case).
- As from the new academic year, all children will be required to wear full school uniform (details of which are included in the Family Handbook (previously sent to you) or are also available on the school website). We feel that the beginning of the new year will be a good time to return to our uniform standards and respectfully ask that all children adhere to these requirements.

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- On PE days, children are welcome to wear their PE kit to school, however, this must be in line with our PE kit guidelines (again, please refer to the Family Handbook for full details). Football kits are no longer appropriate and we ask that they are not worn.

Confirmation of PE days will follow in due course.

- For the time being, we would ask that children **do not** bring their own pencil cases into school. This will be reviewed in due course.
- Now that the guidance surrounding 'bubbles' has been addressed, we are pleased to confirm that we will be returning to our normal dining service ie. all children will eat their dinners in the hall and will be served by our dining team. It is important the ALL dinners are pre-booked in order to allow our Kitchen staff to plan. Please go to <https://www.pay360educationpayments.com/Home>
- The school has undergone and **very** deep clean during the school holidays in preparation for our return and in accordance with our COVID-19 awareness.
- In accordance with the COVID guidance, we are also pleased to confirm that playtimes and lunchtimes can now revert back to pre-pandemic as children can now mix and will be able to play together.
- With regard to COVID-19 compliance, we are no longer required to carry out contact tracing as this will be the responsibility of the NHS. However, it is still important that you advise us of any positive COVID tests within your immediate family network. *Please also be aware that children under the age of 18 are no longer required to self-isolate if they are contacted by NHS Test and Trace as a close contact. They will, however, be advised to take a PCR test*.*
- Face coverings will no longer be advised for pupils, staff or visitors*.
- Staff will continue to carry out Lateral Flow Tests for the time being, in line Public Health advice*.
- We fully recognise that COVID has not 'gone away' and we all still need to remain vigilant. We will therefore be continuing to ensure that:
 - good hygiene is maintained by the children on a daily basis;
 - stringent cleaning processes remain in place;
 - the school remains well ventilated (so please wrap up warm as we head towards the colder months).
- **If your child attends school with COVID-like symptoms, we reserve the right to refuse admission to this child. It is necessary for us to continue to protect other children and staff from possible infection from COVID-19.**

*This advice is subject to change, based on the advice of Public Health (England).

All that remains is for me to tell you that we are busy preparing for our new school year and we are all, very much, looking forward to being together again. This year promises to be a more 'normal' year but we can only do exactly what we have done for the past 18 months and take each day as it comes.

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We continue to support all of our families in the best way we know how, simply by being here and accessible to you all, so please do not ever be afraid to ask a question or seek support. Our metaphorical door is open to you and you know that we are always available on office@new-swann.leics.sch.uk or 01530 832656.

Enjoy the remaining days of the holiday and please reassure any of our young friends that are feeling a little nervous about their return, that we are all looking forward to seeing them and we have lots of good times in store.

See you all on the 25th August!

Kind regards,



Judy Ramsell
Headteacher