



Re-opening information – March 4 2021

All children will be required to return to school on **Monday 8th March 2021**.

Welcome and Thank you!

We are now in a position to share our plans for re-opening to the whole school. We thank you for your patience. Many of the rules to ensure everyone's safety will continue as they were from September. Please do read this information thoroughly, as some things may have changed.

We can't wait to have you all back in school – we have missed you all so much. We know that our children and families will have had varied experiences over lockdown. Remember – we are here for you all and will meet all the children where they are – not where we think they should be.

Thank you for everything you have all done – whatever your role: Critical Worker; Home Worker; Remote Learning supporter – you have done it all. We are so proud of you and all of your children for your achievements.

A special Swanwick shout out to our amazing team of staff. They have worked relentlessly through lockdown to support children both in and out of school. They will be excited to welcome the children back, but they are pretty exhausted! We know your good wishes and thanks have been very well received. Thank you for your ongoing patience and understanding whilst we get everyone back into school and settled.



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Attendance

From Monday 8 March, attendance for children of school age will be compulsory.

If your child is not able to come to school for any reason, please can you make sure that you contact us to let us know before 9.00am.

We know that there will be some children and parents who are feeling a bit wobbly about returning – we completely understand. Please don't hesitate to get in touch with the PPod ppod@swanwick.derbyshire.sch.uk if you need some support.

Pick up and Drop off Arrangements

We ask that all adults – staff and parents - wear a face covering when they enter the school gate if they are able to.

We ask that all adults continue to adhere to social distancing of 2m.

Here are maps of the school to help you to find your way around:

<https://www.swanwick.derbyshire.sch.uk/page/maps/99189>

Which gate do we use?

Please follow our one- way system signposted around the school. Both Gates will now be open at the start and end of the day. You can choose which gate you use.

South Street – come in the pedestrian gate and out of the car park gate. We ask that you use the unofficial one-way system on the pavements, approaching school on the pavement towards the pedestrian gate and leaving via the pavement near the car park gate to aid social distancing.

Bolton Street – come in through the car park gate and use the steps to get between the classrooms - exit via the slope behind the Y6 classrooms.

Please keep moving so that we can support social distancing.

Where do we drop off in the morning?

This will continue to be from 8.40am until the gates close at 8.55am. We continue to ask you to be mindful of our neighbours. Please refrain from forming queues wherever possible.

Y1 – Y6 – children to come straight in through the gate independently.

Reception - Well done to those Reception children who have been coming in independently during lockdown. Parents can choose whether their child comes into school independently or supported by one adult.

Please can we ask that parents do not stand in the gateways as this can slow down the flow into school.

Where do we collect from?

At the end of the day our finish times will be as follows:

Reception – 3.10pm

Y1, Y2, Y5– 3.15pm

Y3, Y4, Y6 – 3.20pm

You can see the suggested places to wait on the maps of the school. Please stand away from the school building so there is space for the teachers to see you. We ask that you are prompt and leave the site as soon as possible.

To keep the number of people in the school grounds to a minimum, we ask that only one adult collect their child if possible. We also ask that you spend as little time on the school grounds as possible – especially if you only have one child to collect.

If you have collected younger siblings first, please ensure they wait with you. They should not be exploring or running around as we are trying to ensure everyone remains safe and socially distanced.

When leaving the school, please adhere to the one-way system, keeping your child with you to ensure you are socially distanced from other families. We know it is tempting to take a short cut, but we really want to tighten up on this.

We know parents of some of our older children would like them to walk home alone or meet you somewhere away from the school building. If this has changed for any reason, we just ask that you e-mail into school or put this in writing so that the class teacher knows. If you do not let us know, we will contact you before we send your child home alone.

Equipment and Clothing

What does my child need to wear?

All children in school will be required to wear school uniform and wear their PE kit to school on PE days.

Uniform

We ask that all children wear full school uniform. We know that non-essential shops are currently closed and that children will have grown over the last three months. We will be mindful of this – we realise that it may take a little while for you to make sure every item of clothing is school uniform and that shoe shops are closed. Please don't worry – we completely understand!

PE Kit

Please send your child to school wearing their PE kit appropriate to the weather (with trainers on) on their PE days rather than their school uniform. We would suggest something like jogging bottoms/leggings, t-shirt, sweatshirt/fleece/hoodie and trainers. We ask that football kits are not worn.

PE Days are as follows:
(Changes are in **bold**)

Reception	Miss Mallard & Miss Randall	Wednesday
Y1	Miss Wright & Mrs Frogson	Thursday and Friday
Y2	Ms Fisher & Mrs Holdsworth	Monday and Tuesday
Y3	Mr Morris	Wednesday and Thursday
Y3	Mrs Picker & Miss Calderbank	Monday and Thursday
Y4	Mrs Hilditch & Mrs Turner & Miss Harris	Wednesday and Thursday
Y5	Mr Blount-Hogg & Mr Sharratt	Thursday and Friday
Y6	Miss Holmes & Mr Cartwright/Mr Smith	Monday and Tuesday

Equipment

Children may bring their own equipment (e.g. lunchboxes, water bottle, hats, coats, gloves, etc.) but it must not be shared and kept to a minimum. Reading and homework can also be taken to and from school. We ask that bags are the flat, 'book bag' style so that these can be easily stored. We ask that no rucksacks are brought into school. Please don't forget a coat!

What about Snacks?

Children in KS2 may bring in healthy snacks (fresh or dried fruit or vegetables)

EYFS and KS1 children will get a piece of fruit as a snack for one of their break times. You may choose to send a healthy snack for the other break time. *Please note that in September it took a little while for the service to resume fully. You might want to send your child with two snacks in the meantime – even though we hope that it will be in place for Monday.*

Please note that we do have an apple allergy in Y6 – we would really appreciate it if Y6 could choose another fruit if possible.

We also have children with severe nut allergies so we ask that no nuts or nut-based foods (such as some chocolate spreads) are sent to school.

What about Medicines?

Please ensure that your child returns to school with any medication they need and make sure that it is in date. We are unable to administer medicines without written consent.

Our School Welfare Officer, **Mrs Blaydon**, is your first port of call for all medicines. Please contact her by e-mailing victoria.blaydon@swanwick.derbyshire.sch.uk Please don't hesitate to contact her if there is anything new we need to know.

You can find consent forms here:

<https://www.swanwick.derbyshire.sch.uk/page/medicines-and-first-aid/87779>

Reading Books

We ask that all school reading books be returned to school so they can be sorted and quarantined. Once this has happened, we will start re-allocating reading books. Please bear with us while we get this organised.

All children have been allocated books on Bug Club. Staff will continue to update these on a fortnightly basis. A combination of Bug Club and reading books or one or the other is absolutely fine – all reading can be logged in the reading record.

What about Lunches?

Children will continue to eat in their class bubbles with Reception eating in the hall.

The school dinners will continue to be in takeaway style boxes. The cost is £2.20 per day and can be paid through Parent Pay.

https://www.swanwick.derbyshire.sch.uk/serve_file/813594

All children will receive the same unless they requested vegetarian meals. You will need to call the school office to arrange this. If we don't hear from you, we will assume that your child requires the non-vegetarian option.

Packed Lunches can be sent in but please be mindful of the allergies mentioned earlier in this letter.

Visitors

For the time being, we are sorry that we are unable to welcome visitors into school other than those who are delivering education, maintaining the site or supporting safeguarding. We continue to ask you to use e-mail or phone calls to communicate with us. There are plenty of staff around at the beginning and end of the day to pass on a quick message.

Communication

As you can imagine, communication at the moment is at an all-time high. We will make sure your messages are passed on to the relevant staff. All e-mails will be acknowledged, but you may not receive a reply immediately. We will try to respond in a few days. We continue to ask that you do not contact teaching staff directly.

info@swanwick.derbyshire.sch.uk – general information/messages for staff

ppod@swanwick.derbyshire.sch.uk – for pastoral support

covid@swanwick.derbyshire.sch.uk – to report a positive case of Covid 19

Telephone: 01773 602268

Breakfast Club

We are very sorry, but we are not in a position to re-open Breakfast Club at the moment. We know how important this resource is to our parents and will be working hard on plans to re-open. We envisage that this will be after Easter, but will keep you updated with information nearer the time.

What safety measures are in place?

We continue to follow our risk assessment which is updated regularly. We will continue with the same measures as before – thinking about hands, face, space – but also following our one-way systems and keeping rooms well-ventilated.

Please remember that if you or a member of your household show C-19 symptoms, you should all self-isolate, seek a test and follow track and trace advice. If your child has any symptoms, we will ask you to collect them and have them tested.

Whilst cases are dropping, we remind all of our school community that we should not be complacent. Even if you have been vaccinated, you can still be symptomatic, or be asymptomatic and pass on the virus.

Lateral Flow Device Testing

Staff will continue to volunteer to take LFD tests.

We know that the Government have made announcements about families accessing these tests at home. Unfortunately, school are unable to facilitate this for many reasons, but you may order tests to do at home online.

Please follow this link to order your tests and find out more:

https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests?fbclid=IwAR03BOo_0Ftr8DZRN2jpwnZ5V0atSe1JQg7b41cubxZfeV0hNX-uUt4OmQE

Parking

We continue to ask parents to be thoughtful when you park near the school site and refrain from sitting with running engines. We also ask that you do not use the school gates to turn in, as they are a pedestrian exit.

We look forward to seeing you on Monday! We are trying our best to get a Swanwick Story out tomorrow, but if it doesn't arrive, we will definitely send one out before Monday.

Have a lovely weekend everyone!