



# SWANWICK STORY

**Friday 18 September 2020**

## **Well done!**

Well done to all our Reception children who have now completed a full week at SPS. We are loving seeing you every day and watching you grow in confidence.

***From Monday 21 September, we would like all of our Reception children to arrive at school between 8.40 and 8.55am to align with the rest of the school. We know this may take a little while to get used to so we will leave the gate open until 9.00am for next week.***

Well done to everyone – the children are really doing you proud in making sure they stick to our rules, helping to keep everyone safe.

## **Thank you**

A continued thank you to all our parents for supporting our one-way system, socially distancing, wearing masks, not coming into school and bring all-round superstars. There have been an increased number of school-based C19 cases in the Amber Valley area – let's remember to stick to all the rules so that we can minimise the risk to our school community.



## **FRIENDS of Swanwick Primary School**

Thank you to those parents and staff who took the time to attend the first meeting of the year. It's not too late to join our FRIENDS to discuss how we might raise money in interesting, socially distanced ways this year!

## **Breakfast Club**

Breakfast Club is now up and running – a big thanks to all our staff and the children for making it a big success this week.

Please can we remind parents that Breakfast Club does not start until 7.30am. We ask that you wait at the gate until you see a member of staff at the door who will give a friendly wave and beckon the children in. Whilst children from Reception are setting in, parents can bring them to the door but we ask that you wear a mask if you can to protect our staff. If nobody is at the door, they will only be a minute or two. Thank you for your patience.

Payment for Breakfast Club should be made in advance. Sessions are £4.00 per child per day. [breakfastclub@swanwick.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:breakfastclub@swanwick.derbyshire.sch.uk)

## **Communication**

Thank you to those parents who have really got into the swing of good communication. We are tweaking this all the time:

General communication (or if you're not sure): [info@swanwick.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:info@swanwick.derbyshire.sch.uk)

Pastoral care, health and wellbeing: [ppod@swanwick.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:ppod@swanwick.derbyshire.sch.uk)  
(Mrs Stone and Mrs Walton)

Absences: [absence@swanwick.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:absence@swanwick.derbyshire.sch.uk)

Breakfast Club: [breakfastclub@swanwick.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:breakfastclub@swanwick.derbyshire.sch.uk)

Please remember your child's name, class and year group.



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## Tapestry

We are really pleased that our Reception parents are enjoying seeing their children's learning shared on Tapestry. Tapestry is also being used in Year 1 this year to support the transition into Key Stage 1.

Please remember that anything posted on Tapestry is not to be shared further – especially on Social Media. This is to safeguard all our pupils and their individual family circumstances.

We thank parents for their respectful, polite and professional communication.

## Please be kind

Thank you to all of our parents who greet us with smiling eyes and face (behind your face-covering!) and the lovely chats we have. The biggest majority of our parents have been incredibly kind and supportive.



We have been saddened to learn that on a few occasions this week, members of our staff have encountered parents raising their voices—sometimes witnessed by children. ☹️

This is unacceptable and will not be tolerated.

The leaders and governors of the school have a duty of care for the mental health and wellbeing of all the staff. We ask that parents remember that we are all trying our very best and that we all deserve to be spoken to with kindness. We are always willing to listen to you and will do our best to help you.

## Illness

Thank you parents for your support over the last couple of weeks. Remember that any child displaying possible C19 symptoms should not be in school. Please do get in touch with us if you are unsure and we will ring you back and talk you through things. Whilst we know that it is the time of year when colds and coughs usually happen, we will be consistent with our approach.

There have been some parents and children who have worked with us in order to ensure their child is tested in order to be absolutely sure their symptoms are not C19 related. Thank you for your amazing patience and support.

We know in some cases, GPs and 111/119 advice has contradicted what school has said – some have been super-supportive. We are sorry that is the case, but we would much rather be safe than sorry.

## What if my child is showing as being symptomatic of Covid19?

If your child is presenting with symptoms, we will ask you to get your child tested and inform us of the results. In the meantime, we would ask that your child and any siblings remain at home. It is important that you do this so that we can keep our community safe. Symptoms include any one of the following:

- A new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot, for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- A high temperature
- A loss of or change in their normal sense of taste or smell

If your child presents with any of these symptoms but is OK the next day, we would still ask that you have your child tested and keep them off school until you have a result. Parents are asked to inform us of the result and we will advise from there.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/coronavirus-in-children/>



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If your child is not in school because they are self-isolating but they are well enough to work, please can we point you to the Government recommended Oak Academy

<https://www.thenational.academy/> in the first instance. More news about our longer term Remote Learning arrangements will be sent out soon.

## Parking

We continue to have reports about the dangerous parking seen by some parents. We ask you not to park on pavements or turn around in the school entrance. We are most concerned that an accident involving one of our children is waiting to happen. Thank you for putting the children first.



## Head lice!



Unfortunately, 2020 is not immune from the usual head lice infestation! We ask that parents check their children's hair regularly, treat any lice and let us

know so that we can communicate with your child's class. Remember, head lice love clean hair, so there is absolutely no judgement from us if they decide to reside in your child's hair 😊

## Mental Health and Wellbeing

This week, Miss Fogg shared a video which outlined the Five Ways to Wellbeing:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yF7Ou43Vj6c&t=3s&safe=active>

- Connect
- Give
- Be Active
- Take Notice
- Keep Learning



We will be taking each of these ideas over the next few weeks and exploring them further – starting with Connect.

We will be promoting Hello Yellow Day on October 9<sup>th</sup> – watch this space for more details!



## Attendance

Whilst we know that attendance will be lower for those children who have had to take time off with possible C19 symptoms, we continue to encourage children to try their best to come to school if they are well enough.

This week's whole school attendance is 91.9%. Well done to Y3 who have attended for 97.9% of the time 😊

## Cycles and Scooters

Remember that if your child wishes to cycle or scoot to school, parents should now complete an application for a permit. If your child does not have a permit, we ask them to leave their cycles and scooters at home. Thank you for your support.

