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Dear parents and carers,

I am delighted to be working in partnership with Swimbridge Primary School from September and supporting Gemma Poland and Matthew Harts in their joint role as Acting Headteacher.

Following such significant disruption to the children's education last term, we are very keen to ensure they have a smooth return to the classroom. To facilitate this, as explained in the newsletter, we have arranged a staggered start to the term with:

Pupils in 'Inventors' and 'Explorers' returning on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September  
Pupils in 'Discoverers' and Year 1 pupils in 'Adventurers' returning on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September  
Reception pupils in Adventurers starting school on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September

Drop off and collection times will also be staggered. Unfortunately, however, the side entrance near the community room does not yet meet health and safety requirements. All classes will therefore need to enter and leave the school via the main entrance. Directions will be in place and staff will be available to provide support. Families are encouraged to park well away from the school gates and walk to the drop off point with only one adult making the school run. Care should be taken to maintain social distancing, as far as possible, whilst walking to the school site. If you do need to bring siblings with you when dropping off or collecting your child, they must be kept close to you and firmly under voice control.

Adventurers Class: children arrive at 9.00am and go home at 3.00pm  
Discoverers Class: children arrive at 8.40am and go home at 3.10pm  
Explorers Class: children arrive at 8.50am and go home at 3.20pm  
Inventors Class: children arrive at 8.45am and go home at 3.15pm

Our focus when the children return to us will be on continuity and wellbeing, with the curriculum adapted appropriately. In accordance with the guidance we have received from the DFE, all pupils will be kept in key stage bubbles with separate assemblies, breaks and lunchtimes. Pupils will not be permitted to mix within the wider school population at any point during the school day. Induction arrangements for pupils in Reception will remain as planned.

Parents will, unfortunately, not be permitted to enter the school building unless by invitation and then only in exceptional circumstances. Parents and carers are encouraged to use the [admin@swimbridge-primary.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@swimbridge-primary.devon.sch.uk) email address or to phone the school between the hours of 8.30am and 4.30pm if they have any queries.

When the children return they will no longer be required to wash their clothes every day. Our full uniform policy will therefore be reinstated. All pupils will be supported to follow expectations in school. This is to ensure the safety of everyone on site. A new routine, involving regular handwashing and personal hygiene will be introduced in an age appropriate manner within the context of our usual provision. Please be assured that every effort will be taken to ensure as much normality as possible for your children whilst ensuring that we keep everyone safe.

In order to avoid transference between home and school, please do not send in any unnecessary items with your child. A coat, water bottle, snack, sunscreen, and a sun hat will be sufficient. Pupils in Discoverers, Inventors and Explorers may bring in a pencil case with their own pens, pencils, etc to keep in school if they wish to do so but this is not compulsory. Pupils in Adventurers are asked to bring their PE kits in at the beginning of term and keep them in school for the full half-term. Pupils in Discoverers are asked to come into school in their PE kit on Monday and Friday; pupils in Explorers and Inventors are asked to come into school in their PE kit on Wednesday and Friday. Pupils in Adventurers, Discoverers and Explorers are also asked to bring in wellington boots at the beginning of term, to be kept available for Forest School.

Our school vision is to embrace the spiritual, physical, intellectual, emotional and social development of all.  
We strive for educational excellence by supporting and developing the following values:

**Wisdom**

**Hope**

**Community**

**Dignity**

**Love**

Please do not send your child into school if anyone in your family shows any of the symptoms of corona virus or has been in contact with anyone who has. The 'test and trace' system is in place to ensure that spread of the virus is kept under control and to save lives. Please play your part by ensuring you are familiar with and follow this guidance <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/nhs-test-and-trace-how-it-works>

We would urge any families who have found that their circumstances have changed, to check whether they are now eligible for free school meals. Those who are eligible will receive additional support through the pupil premium programme. **You can check if you are eligible for free school meals by visiting this site: <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals> or searching 'free school meals eligibility' in your internet browser.**

Finally, I would like to thank you all once again for your patience and understanding as we put everything together to ensure a smooth start to the new academic year. We hope you are all having a restful and enjoyable summer and would urge you to contact us via the [admin@swimbridge-primary.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@swimbridge-primary.devon.sch.uk) email address if you have any queries or concerns arising.

Very best wishes

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