



## Swimbridge CE Primary School

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### Swimbridge Update

Dear parents and carers,

We are delighted that the children have settled back into school so well after the recent half-term and we are very keen to ensure that there is as little disruption as possible to their education as we enter this second period of lockdown.

The DFE have now published information on what the [new national restrictions mean for education and childcare settings](#). There are no significant changes to the guidance for primary schools and early years settings. We will, therefore, continue to implement our current risk assessment with a just few minor adjustments. The provision in place for our children will remain the same.

All children are expected to attend school unless they are classified as extremely vulnerable. If you have any concerns about your child attending, please contact us on the [admin@swimbridge-primary.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@swimbridge-primary.devon.sch.uk) email and we will do everything we can to help. Children in primary schools are not required to wear a mask at any time. We do, however, now advise that adults wear a mask or face covering during the school drop off/pick up, particularly if you are finding that it is difficult to social distance at any point or you wish to speak with a member of staff during the handover.

We do appreciate your vigilance with regard to following the guidance <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/> and thank you for taking every precaution to keep our community safe.

On a different note, it is with pride and pleasure that we can confirm our School Council members for this school year. Congratulations to the elected candidates who will be awarded with your School Council badge at our first meeting. A huge well done to everyone who put themselves forward. We fully recognise your planning, effort and determination to deliver your speech to the class. Well done to all of you.

#### **New School Councillors:**

Adventurers (Reception and Year 1): Ineke, Oscar, Anise, Alex

Discoverers (Year 2): Eli, Niroshini

Explorers (Years 3 and 4): Lilah-Mai, Albi, Willow, Samuel

Inventors (Years 5 and 6): George, Amy, George K, Daisy O.

#### **Preparing children for the school day:**

Recently we have noticed that a number of children are not prepared for their school day. Just a reminder that all children need to be in full school uniform or full PE uniform (on PE days) with a water bottle and have a coat in school everyday. Please see the school website for full details of our uniform: <https://www.swimbridge-primary.devon.sch.uk/>

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**

It is with great pleasure that we would like to introduce to you, Colin Wadsworth our new Chair of Governors:

Colin is a highly experienced Governor of Swimbridge School. He has been on the schools governing body for the last four years, and brings an extensive knowledge of strategic senior management. Colin has lived in Swimbridge for the last thirty years, and has two daughters, both of whom attended the school with many happy memories. Recently retired as Director for Employers at Petroc (formerly North Devon and East Devon Colleges) he now works independently on short term contracts on a consultancy basis. While at College (as Director for Employers) he was responsible for the creation and the subsequent delivery of the College "Employer Engagement Strategy", and the source of a substantial income stream to the College as a whole. In addition, he was involved with the preparation for a major OFSTED inspection, resulting in an "outstanding" designation. As a member of the College Principalship, he provided a strategic steer to the development of both Colleges, and their subsequent merger.

As Chair of the Governing Body for the current school year, Colin will be focusing on these three core roles:

- Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction;
- Holding executive leaders to account for the educational performance of the organisation and its pupils, and
- Overseeing the financial performance of the organisation and making sure its money is well spent.

We would also like to welcome Damian Hunter to the Governing Board, as our SEND Governor.

*"Hi, my name is Damian. I have a daughter in year 3 and have recently been appointed as a new Foundation Governor on behalf of the Diocese. This involves working with the other school governors to uphold the school's vision and core values and ensure that the teaching staff have the resources and support that they need to help our children develop not only academically but also on a social, emotional and spiritual level. I am originally from Lancashire but am now settled in this area having worked as a Solicitor for North Devon Council for over 15 years. I enjoy watching and playing football, walking, swimming and generally spending my free time with family and friends".*

Please be assured that everyone involved is very much focussed on supporting your children to ensure they are happy, safe and learning within their school environment. Thank you once again for your ongoing support.

Kind regards

Gemma Poland and Mathew Harts  
Acting Headteachers