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Dear Parents/ Carers,

I hope that you have enjoyed the summer holidays and have taken advantage of our amazing locality and weather. I also hope that you have all kept safe and well whilst enjoying some more freedoms these past few weeks. We are to be reminded that as tentative steps are made to return to normal, the risks associated with COVID are undiminished. Therefore, the purpose of this letter is to remind you of the safe practices we are adopting as we welcome back the whole school on Wednesday 2nd September.

As part of our regularly reviewed risk assessment, I have included a list of some of our 'new normal' school practices (these may be different to previous communications due to the Government guidelines and reviewed risk assessments). These are:

- Under no circumstances, should anyone displaying symptoms of COVID-19 attempt to enter the school site. [coronavirus \(COVID-19\) symptoms](#) (a new continual cough, a temperature in excess of 37.8°C or a loss of, or change in their normal sense of taste or smell)
- Parents need to follow the national advice on the symptoms of coronavirus and the test and trace procedures <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/nhs-test-and-trace-how-it-works#people-who-develop-symptoms-of-coronavirus>
- If a child is unwell whilst at school, they will be moved to a designated room where they will be isolated from other children but still be cared for
- Everyone will be reminded to wash their hands before leaving home, on arrival at school, before eating/drinking, after using the toilet, before/after sports activities and after coughing or sneezing into their hands. There will be posters around school reminding the children of the new hygiene rules
- The children do not need to wear face masks/ face coverings
- The children are to wear full school uniform
- The children will be taught in year group bubbles with their class teacher. Year group bubbles will not mix with other year group bubbles in school
- Each year group will have a designated PE day: Mon – Year 3; Tue – Year 4; Wed – Year 5; Fri – Year 6. **PE will start week beginning Mon 7th Sept.**
- **On their PE day, the children will come to school in their PE kit** (PE T-shirt, Long sleeved jumper, School PE Shorts/ jogging bottoms/ tracksuit bottoms, trainers, 'skins' especially when it is cold, spare socks, lightweight sports jacket). This is so that the children will not need to change for PE during the school day.
- Only one adult should bring your child/children to school in order to reduce the numbers waiting by the school gates – please keep your distance from other parents
- Parents may only enter the site by prior arrangement. To make an appointment to speak to Ms Lines or your child's class teacher, please contact the school office
- We will be limiting the number of visitors on site and limiting physical contact at the school office – please phone or email admin@swalneyj.cumbria.sch.uk for general enquiries

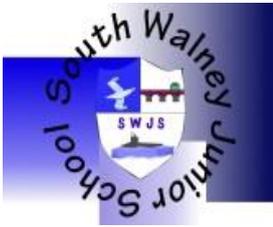


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- Please ensure that your child brings only one bag (for their lunchbox, water bottle and any personal items needed for learning). Children will not be able to share any items.
- Children **MUST** bring a water bottle as all water fountains will be out of use. They can refill their water bottle at the taps in their classroom.
- School will provide the basic stationary items & a school pencil case for your child to use at school
- Children will need a pair of cheap earphones to use in school (and stay in school). Earphones can be bought from school on Parentmail for £4.
- There will be no Fruit Shop until further notice. **Children can bring in a piece of fruit as a morning brektime snack.**
- School dinners will be provided by Dolce (parents must have an account with Dolce – contact the school office). Children can bring in their own packed lunch.
- School lunchtimes will be staggered so that each year group will have 30 mins for their lunch and 30 mins outside in the playground (weather dependant)/inside in their classrooms
- Thorough cleaning of the school will continue throughout the school day
- Tables will be arranged in the classrooms so that they are all front facing.
- Breaktimes/lunchtimes will be on a rota so that year group ‘bubbles’ do not mix during these times
- **Breakfast club/ after school club will commence from Wed 2nd Sept. Booking is essential (via Parentmail) as children will only be permitted to attend Breakfast Club/ Afterschool Club if their name is on the Breakfast Club/ After School Club register list. Access to Breakfast/After School Club is via the back playground gates as they have been temporarily relocated to the School Hall.**
- Staff members will be at the school gates before and after school
- The start/end of the school day will be staggered and different year group bubbles will be entering/ exiting the school from different exits as stated below:-

Year Group Bubble	Start/ Finish time	Gate Entrance/ exit	School Entrance/exit
Year 3	9.00am-3.30pm	Side Gate (Hogue St backstreet)	Year 3/4 Door
Year 4 (Mr Wilson's class)	8.50am- 3.20pm	Side Gate (Hogue St backstreet)	Year 3/4Door
Year 4 (Mr Edward's class)	8.50am- 3.20pm	Back Gate	Year 4/5 Door
Year 5	9.00am-3.30pm	Main Entrance Gate	Ocean Room Door
Year 6	9.00am-3.30pm	Back Gate	Year 6 Door

- **The School Gates will close at 9am**, therefore we ask you/your children to be punctual in order to help us keep all the bubbles safe.
- As we are using all the gates for the children to access school safely, please can we request that if driving, you avoid parking or driving next to these entrances/ exits

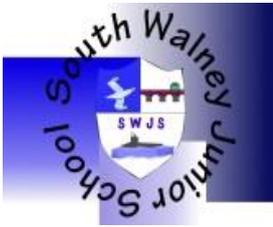


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The measures we have put in place are in order to keep our school community safe. If you have any worries or concerns about your child returning to school, please ring school to discuss these with me.

Many thanks for your support and I look forward to seeing you in September.

Ms Lines

