



**Swanmore Church of England (Aided) Primary School**

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Dear Parents

Having attended a county Head's briefing this week and heard of the increasing numbers of COVID cases, the proximity of cases in local schools and yesterday a case here in school, we have reviewed plans here at Swanmore. The driving impetus, of course, is being as safe as we can be and keep classes and the school open. Rather than move to staggered start times for year groups at this point to reduce the number of people on site, from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November we are asking families to:

- be on site for the shortest time necessary, do not wait for long periods of time before or after school
- distancing 2m+ where possible and at least 1m+ where not
- introduce the wearing of face coverings on site for adults
- adults leaving as soon as possible
- change the flow through the playground/village car park from an IN gate before 8.50/3.30 to an OUT gate from 8.50/3.30 to help families leave the site and spread the number of people

Year R will continue with their dropping off and collection procedures as we can't create 2m distancing in your area.

When you are picking up or dropping off please leave, not only the site, but the area as soon as possible to minimise groups congregating in the village.

I do appreciate some families might think we are looking to have lots of rules but we are keen to follow our values of Honesty, Charity and Respect to keep the community as safe as we can and keep the school open for families. Please do support this so that we can see any improvements and ideally avoid more stringent plans.

Yours sincerely

J Paterson  
Headteacher