



12th June 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you will be aware from our newsletter we are gradually getting children back into school and it is beginning to feel like Swansfield again. The children have been marvellous and adapted to the new norm of hand washing, sitting apart and living in a bubble. It is great to hear the chatter and laughter as well as seeing children working and learning.

Earlier this week the government abandoned their plans to get all primary children back to school before the end of the summer term. We are relieved that we have control to bring back more children if we feel it safe and to be able to choose the most appropriate groups to return.

We would like to offer the opportunity to our year 5 children to return to school from 1st July so that they can prepare for their transition into year 6. This will enable us to introduce the children to their new teachers as well as elect our new head boy and head girl and castle captains.

Understandably, many of you will be feeling anxious about taking this next step out of your safe home environment. We have worked hard and followed guidance to mitigate risk by introducing staggered drop offs, break, lunch and home times. Children work in their bubbles with their teacher and try to use our outdoor environment fully. There is a rigorous cleaning routine in place throughout the day. We move around the school using a one way system, all children have their own stationary pack and are assigned a desk.

We would appreciate it if you can let us know by Tuesday 16th June whether you would like your child to return to school on Wednesday 1st July so that we can allocate classrooms and staff. Please feel free to contact me if I can be of any assistance to you in terms of reaching a decision.

With best wishes

Jenny Smith

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