

# SWINDON VILLAGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

Some of you will be aware of a growing number of **staff and pupil positive COVID cases** over the weekend. Having now had the chance to review this week's current plans, I feel it is in everyone's best interests to postpone and/or cancel a number of events which have been organised for this week. Everyone needs to be as safe as possible and we need to stop the spread as much as possible. The following will now happen:

## Parents Evenings + Parent Meetings

- **ALL** Parents' Evenings are now moving to **after ½ term** – a further Parents' Evening letter will be sent tomorrow with specifics...e.g. dates...etc.
- **ALL My Plan** Parent Meetings will be rescheduled for after ½ term – further communication from Mrs O'Leary will follow tomorrow.
- We are **NOT** holding any Face to Face Parent Meetings this week.

## Teacher Led Clubs

- **All** Teacher Led Clubs will be cancelled this week.

## Drop off and Pick Up arrangements

- Drop off + Pickup (**no stagger**) = Pedestrian Gate (next to main car park gates) **at 8:30 + 3:30 - Y4 + Siblings only**
- Drop off + Pickup = Bus Stop and Middle Red Gate **between 8:40am – 9:00am & 3:00pm – 3:15pm all other year groups + siblings.**
- Any children who are allowed to walk home on their own will be dismissed at 3.15pm unless they have siblings in Year 4. These children will leave school at 3.30pm.

## Face Masks + Talking to my staff + Keeping a distance

- I would ask that parents/adults wear masks while on school grounds.
- I would also ask that conversations with my staff at drop off and pick up are kept to a minimum for this week please.
- I would finally, politely ask that you keep a distance from my staff as well (bringing back the 2m distancing for a few days)

## Y4 Bubble

- To be clear so that everyone has the correct information: My Y4 Year Group has reached the threshold of at least 5 cases which are linked therefore we are making Y4 a Bubble for the next 4 days. They will have their own designated play space and toilets, and will go back to eating their lunch in their classes. The lunch menu will still be the one advertised for this week.

*Learning from each other – achieving together*



**Book Fair**

- The Book Fair will NOT be going ahead this week. It has now been rearranged for Monday 1st November and Tuesday 2nd November.

**Swimming**

- Swimming **WILL** go ahead as planned as children are in their own Year Groups - something positive to end this letter.

Finally, I would like to say a huge thank you to parents for being patient, flexible and understanding. Hopefully ½ term will come at the right time and we will return on 1<sup>st</sup> November with this 'covid peak' under control.

Please continue to take care and keep safe all.

**Geraint Mills**  
**Head Teacher**