

# SWINDON VILLAGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## **R.E COVID-19 Update - September**

Dear Parents,

I hope that you are enjoying the summer holiday. Below is an update on what we think September will look like in terms of COVID restrictions in schools. You will also find a few essential questions answered so the start of the term goes as smoothly as possible.

As you know, now that we are at [Step 4](#) on the Government's COVID-19 roadmap, there has been a shift away from stringent restrictions, towards advising people on how to protect themselves and others, alongside targeted interventions to reduce risk.

In line with this, we are pleased that the current [COVID-19 guidance for schools](#) allows school life to return to something closer to normal.

The government is currently advising schools that it is no longer necessary to keep children in consistent 'bubbles' in order to reduce mixing. They have identified that assemblies can resume, and that schools no longer need to make alternative arrangements to avoid mixing at lunch and playtimes. Please be aware that this guidance could change with little notice, and we will let you know if this happens.

In line with government guidance, during the new academic year we will regularly review and update our COVID-19 risk assessments. In addition to our general risk assessment, we now have an outbreak management plan which we will implement if necessary. Both these documents will be shared with you on the first weekly Headlines (Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September).

On the next page you will see a few questions I'm sure you are all thinking about. The main message is that the staff at SVPS can't wait to see your child's smiling face again. See you all next Friday morning and please do email [admin@swindonvillage.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@swindonvillage.gloucs.sch.uk) if you have any queries about the start of term.

Take care all and enjoy the last few days, hopefully the sun will shine.

Mr. Mills, Head Teacher

## A few questions answered 😊

### Q) Is there a Staggered Drop-off and Pick-up

- Yes, but it is a much shorter time frame.

### Q) What are the timings for Drop-off and Collection

#### Drop Off

- As per the information sent home before the summer break. All children should arrive between **8:40 – 8:55am**.
- **Classroom doors open at 8:45am**. A friendly SVPS member of staff will be waiting to greet your child(ren)
- Gates will remain open until 8:55am. Any child arriving after 8:55am will need to go to the main entrance. **Please continue to observe social distancing wherever possible 😊**

#### Pick Up

- 3:15pm – 3:25pm
- Please do not 'hang-around' in the playgrounds as this can cause congestion. We appreciate this is a great time to catch-up with friends...etc but we have a beautiful park opposite the school with acres of space. Please collect your child(ren) and arrange to meet friends...etc. over in the park. **Please continue to observe social distancing wherever possible 😊**

### Q) Do I need to wear a Face Mask when dropping off and picking up

- No, but if you feel more comfortable in doing so then that is not a problem. **Please continue to observe social distancing wherever possible 😊**

### Q) What happens if my child has COVID symptoms (high temperature, persistent cough, loss of taste or smell?)

- They must NOT come into school at all and must get a PCR test immediately. If positive they must isolate for 10 days. All close contacts are advised to get a PCR test as well.
- If your child develops symptoms whilst in school, we will phone and message you. You must then immediately come and get your child and book a PCR test for your child and any close contacts. Your child will be kept safe in our 'possible COVID room' until you arrive.

### Q) What's the dinner menu for September?

- The menu for Friday 3rd September will be: Main: Fish Fingers, Vegetarian: Vegetable Fingers, Jacket Potato: with beans, cheese or tuna, with chips, peas or baked beans
- Full menu, click [here](#)