

Good morning everyone

We are delighted to welcome all of our families back to school. I know the start of a new academic year is exciting for many children, but it can also be a bit daunting as we settle into our routines. Our website - including class pages and school diary - are fully up to date with all the information you need. The office section always has everything you need day to day such as the link to the parent diary and dinner information etc.

If you need to report a positive COVID case out of school hours (8am - 4pm - during school hours please ring the school office) the Microsoft form which you need to complete can be found on the COVID section of the website which we keep in latest news. This will ensure we can assist track and trace and let the class teacher know that work is required if your child is self-isolating and is well enough to complete this. A letter from the trust which we have attached with this email summarises all the latest COVID guidance. Our school link - including the link to the Microsoft form - can be found here:

<https://www.saltfordschool.org.uk/news/#covid-guidance>

Please do not send your child to school if they have any symptoms of Covid-19. If your child has had a PCR test as they are a close contact - whilst you are waiting for the result the new guidance from the government states you can send your child to school as long as they have no symptoms. If this is what you intend to do, please ring the school to discuss this with us so that we can consider any safety requirements necessary to protect the school and our families.

Everything went really smoothly this morning with the drop off arrangements - our gates will reopen at 3pm and Mrs Godwin will be available at the front of the school if you need any assistance as I am taking assembly. Thank you for sending your child/ren looking so smart in their school uniform.

We are holding welcome meetings for each year group via Zoom starting at 6pm. You have all received an email with the meeting ID and passcodes (the office have these if you did not receive them). Please do attend these if you can, so you can meet the teacher and talk through the year ahead. The dates for these are:

Y6/Tues 7th Sept	Y5/Weds 8th Sept
Y4/Thus 9th Sept	Y2/Mon 13th Sept
Y1/Tues 14th Sept	Y3/Thurs 16th Sept

Swimming starts on Monday 13th September for Years One to Year Six. The timetable and arrangements for this can all be found on our latest news page - including the sign-up links for volunteers for each class session (<https://www.saltfordschool.org.uk/news/#swimming-2021>.) Please do support the swimming sessions if you can - without your support these cannot run and swimming is so valuable for the children. A reminder that you do need a DBS to support swimming - please collect the paperwork from the school office to ensure this is in place in good time.

Our newsletter will be published every Thursday and I look forward to keeping you in touch with daily school life and celebrating all the children's successes. Our priority, as always, is to ensure that the children have the very best educational experience.

We are looking forward to a safe and enjoyable Autumn term. If you need any support or assistance at all do please get in touch. Best wishes Dawn Sage