

8th September 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to a new school year at SSSC.

We hope you've enjoyed a restful and refreshing summer break. As we begin this exciting new academic year, we're delighted to welcome back our returning families and extend a warm welcome to all the new pupils and families joining our SSSC community. We look forward to working in partnership with you and supporting your children as they grow, learn, and thrive throughout their journey with us.

Below you will find some important updates and reminders for the year ahead.

Staff Information:

Senior Leadership Team	
Mrs England	Headteacher
Mr Parry	Deputy Headteacher
Mrs McKee	Deputy Headteacher
Mr Waite	Assistant Headteacher
Miss Dove	School Business Manager

Health and Safety:

If you are using the car park area, please ensure that pupils enter and exit the school grounds via the side gate rather than the main drive, to help maintain safety and smooth traffic flow. For families requiring step-free access, vehicles may drive up to the front of the school to use the accessible ramp.

In addition, we have installed a new access panel to the main school Front door. As a result, parents/carers and visitors are to wait outside of the building for permitted access.

Healthy School:

At SSSC, we are proud to be a health-conscious school, and we actively promote healthy choices through our curriculum and daily routines. To support this, we kindly ask that pupils do not bring fizzy drinks, energy drinks, or hot caffeinated beverages to school.

As part of our commitment to pupil wellbeing, we are a **nut-free school** due to allergies. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this policy, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Headteachers: C Greenhough & D England

We also encourage all pupils to bring a **refillable water bottle** each day. Our staff are happy to assist with refills throughout the school day to help keep children hydrated and focused.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain a safe and healthy learning environment for all.

Communication:

We will continue to use emails and our school App for most of our parent/carers communications. If you have not yet got the App you can download the eSchools App from your devices App store. You should have received your login details already for your child, if you need these details sending to you again – please email info@swanwicksportscollege.derbyshire.sch.uk

A lot of our day-to-day communication can be found on our school website: <https://www.swanwicksportscollege.co.uk> Here you can find information about the timings of the school day, term dates and inset dates.

Payments:

We are a cashless school and all payments are to be made through ParentPay for lunch, school trips and uniform purchased from school. Login details for new starters have already been sent home, if you're having any problems accessing your account or making payments, please send details of your issue to info@swanwicksportscollege.derbyshire.sch.uk

New Management Information System: Arbor

To improve communication and streamline administration processes we will be moving to a new system called Arbor. When this is launched you will receive detailed instructions on how to set up and access the Arbor Parent Portal app.

Attendance:

As I am sure you will know, good school attendance is crucial to ensuring a child reaches their potential and maximises opportunities offered to them through our school curriculum.

If your child has been sick or had diarrhoea, they will often need to remain at home for 48 hours after the last occurrence. We will try to keep pupils in school as much as possible, but there are occasions when we need to contact you to collect your child due to illness or an accident. Please keep your contact details up to date for this purpose.

To report a pupil as absent from school in cases where they are too ill to attend, please phone 01773 602198 (option 1) or email absence@swanwicksportscollege.derbyshire.sch.uk **by 9am** to provide a reason for non-attendance. Each subsequent day of absence will be treated the same as the first day of absence so we would be grateful if you could continue to make the school aware of continued absence by 9am each day to allow us to meet our safeguarding responsibilities.

We would also like to remind you that pupils should not be taken out of school during term time for holidays. While we recognise there may, from time to time be hospital appointments, emergency situations that arise, a holiday is not a valid reason to take time

out of school as described in terms of 'exceptional circumstances', laid out by the Department of Education. Therefore, most of these requests are declined and any subsequent absences are recorded as unauthorised. The local authority may decide to issue a fixed penalty notice to parents/carers with unauthorised absences. The school does not make this decision and the school does not receive any money from the fine.

Uniform:

Please ensure your child adheres to our uniform policy, a copy of the full uniform policy is available on the school website. All pupils are expected to wear the following uniform during the school day, on school trips, and when representing the school at events (unless otherwise specified):

- Either a blue or pink polo shirt.
- Blue hoody/jumper
- Black or blue school trousers / skirt / leggings or jogging bottoms
- Flat black shoes or trainers (backless and/or open toed shoes/sandals are not permitted)
- PE Kit – School PE top with blue/black trousers/shorts

Should you wish to purchase additional or new uniform this can be ordered directly with Hamilton's or an order form can be obtained from the school office.

Key Dates for Autumn Term:

Below shows some of the key dates for this Autumn Term. More information for these will come out nearer the time.

Yours sincerely



Mrs England
Headteacher

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Monday 22 nd September	Interhouse event (morning only) - Teambuilding	Pupil whole school event
Wednesday 1 st October	INSET	
Tuesday 7 th October	Parent/Carer Consultation Evening	Parents and Carers all welcome
Wednesday 15 th October	Learning Hero Morning	All pupils
Thursday 16 th October	10 – 11am Coffee Morning – Online Safety delivered by a local PCSO	Parents and Carers all welcome

Friday 24 th October	Break up for Half term (normal school day)	
Half Term 27 th – 31 st October		
Monday 3 rd November	Return to school	
Monday 10 th November	Anti-bullying ‘Odd Socks’ Day to launch Anti-Bullying week.	Pupil whole school event
Friday 14 th November	Children In Need	Pupil whole school event
Monday 17 th November	Interhouse event (morning only) - Humanities	Pupil whole school event
Monday 24 th November	School photographs	All pupils
Friday 28 th November	INSET	
Tuesday 2 nd December	Learning Hero Morning	All pupils
Tuesday 9 th December	10-11am Coffee Morning – Emmy Birkin, Speech and Language Therapist (SALT)	Parents and Carers all welcome
Wednesday 17 th December	1.15pm Swanwick’s Got Talent	Parents and Carers all welcome
Thursday 18 th December	Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day	Pupil whole school event
Friday 19 th December	End of term pupils finish at 1pm	