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Dear Parents/Carers

It has been a great first full week back at SSSC. We are so very proud of all the pupils and they have made a great start to this academic year and we are looking forward to the year ahead. Firstly, we would like to welcome all the new pupils and families that have joined our SSSC community and look forward to working with you and your children as they progress through our school. Below is some important information for you and your child ahead of the coming term and year:

### Health and Safety:

We now have a safe walkway from the school carpark to the front of school, if you use the carpark area to drop off / pick up, please ensure that pupils enter and exit this way and not down the main drive. For those that require step free access, vehicles can drive up to front of school for them to access the ramp. Due to allergies, we are a nut free school, if you have any queries, please contact the school. We thank you for your support with this matter.

### Communication:

We will continue to use emails and our school App for most of our parent/carer 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@swanwickssportscollege.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:info@swanwickssportscollege.derbyshire.sch.uk)

A lot of our day-to-day communication can be found on our school website <https://www.swanwickssportscollege.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@swanwickssportscollege.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:info@swanwickssportscollege.derbyshire.sch.uk)

### Attendance:

As I am sure you will know, good school attendance is crucial to ensuring a child reaches their potential and maximises opportunities offered 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@swanwickssportscollege.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:absence@swanwickssportscollege.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.

Headteachers: C Greenhough & D England



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:**

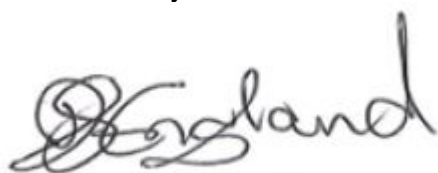
It is our school policy that all pupils wear school uniform when attending school or attending school organised events. This uniform consists of either a blue or pink polo shirt, blue hoody/jumper and PE t-shirt and shorts. It is then suggested that students wear black or blue school trousers / skirt / leggings or jogging bottoms with school shoes or trainers. Further information about our school uniform including our policy can be found on our school website.

#### **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.

Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	Parent/Carer SOLAR information evening	Parents and Carers all welcome
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	INSET	
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	10 – 11am Coffee Morning – Occupational Therapy	Parents and Carers all welcome
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	Parent/Carer Consultation Evening	Parents and Carers all welcome
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	3.30pm Year 11 Next Steps Careers Talk  4pm Y10 and Y11 Residential Ski Trip Meeting	Invitation only
Half Term		
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti-bullying 'Odd Socks' Day	Pupil whole school event
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	10-11am Coffee Morning – Family Fund	Parents and Carers all welcome
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Children In Need	Pupil whole school event
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	INSET	
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	1.30pm Swanwick's Got Talent	Parents and Carers all welcome
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day	Pupil whole school event
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	End of term pupils finish at 1pm	

Yours sincerely



Mr C Greenhough and Mrs D England  
Co-Headteachers