



End of Summer term 2020 – Letter 1/3

This letter informs you of general information and changes at school in September 2020.

Dear Parents/Carers/Students and all members of our SWS family,

Another school year comes to an end – and what a year it has been. This is not quite the situation any of us had expected when we started our academic year back in September 2019. These are exceptional times and in the spirit of these times, I hope that this letter finds you and your family fit and healthy.

This is one of **three key letters** we are sending out this week in preparation for September and the **full return of all students**. I felt it more appropriate to break our key messages down into clearly identified parts to make sure we have communicated all of our information as simply and as clearly as possible. As has become normal lately, I will also follow up on the content of all three letters in a **video message this week** that can be accessed on our website and social media platforms.

Letter 2 will cover our **new safety protocols** and the **system of safety controls** that everyone in the building will have to follow. A third letter will illustrate how we intend to bring all staff and students **back to school safely** at the start of September.

Parents and Carers should be re-assured that myself and the senior leadership team will return on 17 August to review all plans, arrangements and risk assessment documents should anything change, either locally or nationally, during the break.

As letters 2 and 3 will cover the detail around safety and our return to school, this letter will inform you of:

- Arrangements for Year 11 Results day
- Our contingency measures for future lockdown risks
- Our key school improvement objectives for 2020/21
- New teaching staff in September
- Key points of contact across the staff group
- How to contact the school during the summer break
- Key dates

Year 11 - Results day

Results day will take place on **Thursday 20 August**. Mr Smissen has written to all Year 11 families with details of the arrangements for the day. Safety protocols will be in place on the day.



Contingency measures for future lockdown risks

We have built all our future provision on a three level model to ensure we can keep educational provision going in a range of challenging circumstances. In simple terms our models are:

Level 1: Lockdown. We will operate an online timetable for students to access their lessons as live or as recorded events. We will open the site for the children of critical workers only.

Level 2: Interim Measures. This is the starting point in September. There is a full return to school. A system of safety control measures are in place across the building and site. There are several changes to student timetables. Movement on site is restricted. The curriculum is modified in some areas but most children experience their normal timetable. Any subject gaps can be picked up via Live Learning Events online.

Level 3: The school will operate under normal conditions. School is recognisable in terms of how it operates under normal social conditions.

Improving our school across 2020/21

We will be focusing on the following development areas next year to further improve our school:

- The introduction of a Personal Development curriculum: We aim to deliver three hours per week of character education, subject enhancement and values-driven curriculum experiences to children in Years 7-9.
- A Year 7 Foundation curriculum: We aim to have the best transition curriculum across the region by supporting students as they move into Year 7 with a unique curriculum experience.
- The development of our school into a hybrid teaching and learning organisation: We intend to take much of our remote learning work forward. We aim to be able to take our teaching and curriculum experiences online.

We will release more detail of these objectives in September. The content of these developments has already been built into your child's timetable.

New teaching staff

We are excited to inform you that we have recruited the following staff for September.

- Mr M Oakes as Director of Maths (14-16)
- Mr R Rogers as Advanced Skills Maths Teacher
- Mrs K Follett as SENDCo



Key points of contact at school

Your first point of contact at school is your child's form tutor. Other key staff and points of contact are:

Year 7 Miss Sheridan and Mrs Norton

Year 8 Ms Froud and Mrs Casewell

Year 9 Ms Froud and Mrs Casewell

Year 10 Mr Chapman and Mr Smissen

Year 11 Mr Chapman and Mr Smissen

Contact during the summer break

The senior leadership team will return to school on Monday 17 August. Should you need to contact school with any concerns or questions before September please use the email addresses below:

Email:

Year 7: transition2020@sws.cheshire.sch.uk

Year 8 and 9: KS3@sws.cheshire.sch.uk

Year 10 and 11: KS4@sws.cheshire.sch.uk



Key dates for the 2020/21 academic year

Our school calendar can be found on our website. The term dates for next year are:

Autumn term 2020	
	1-3 September 2020 INSET DAYS
School opens	4 September 2020 – 23 October 2020
Half term	26 October 2020 to 30 October 2020
School opens	2 November 2020 – 18 December 2020
Christmas Holiday	21 December 2020 to 1 January 2021 (inclusive of Bank Holiday)
Spring term 2021	
School opens	4 January 2021 – 12 February 2021
Half term	15 February 2021 to 19 February 2021
School opens	22 February 2021 – 1 April 2021
Spring break	2 April 2021 – 16 April 2021 (inclusive of Good Friday and Easter Monday)
Summer term 2021	
School opens May Day Bank Holiday	19 April 2021 – 28 May 2021 (3 rd May School is closed)
Half term	31 May 2021 to 4 June 2021 (inclusive of Bank Holiday)
School opens	7 June 2021 – 21 July 2021



Summer holiday	22 July 2021 to 31 August 2021 (inclusive of Bank Holiday)
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I will contact you again in August and in early September to update you on changes and our progress as we go forward into another school year. Irrespective of the global issues surrounding us, I want to re-assure you that we will do everything to keep everyone who is part of our school safe and happy. In addition, we are full of optimism about the exciting developments that will emerge next school year to support our community, create opportunity and allow our children to show courage across all aspects of their lives inside and outside of school.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J Fraser', written in a cursive style.

Mr J Fraser
Principal