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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to Term 1 of the 2018/2019 academic year. I trust you and your family had a restful summer. I am very excited about this academic year. I am incredibly proud to be the Executive Headteacher of both South Borough Primary School in Maidstone and Istead Rise Primary School. South Borough Primary School received their 'Good' Ofsted judgement in January 2018. We were elated. We continue to look at how we can offer the children even more opportunities. We eagerly await an inspection at Istead Rise.

I would like to highlight the fantastic results both schools received last year. I am again incredibly proud to be part of a team where children's needs and interests are the reason we are all in this job. I would like to congratulate all the children from last year. I hope that all the Year 7s have enjoyed their first few days. I wish them every success this year. Equally, I welcome the new reception children.. I am sure they will enjoy their first few days and settle quickly with your support and encouragement.

My own expectations for each school is that we continue to aim for an outstanding judgement in all areas. However, I also believe a school must have core values at the centre of its ethos in order for the whole child to be developed and results to continue to be good. (SBPS – Sincerity, Bravery, Perseverance and Support) (IRPS – Independence, Respect, Perseverance and Self- reflection) While we are judged on academic standards, attainment and progress, I strongly believe that we provide all children with an enriched curriculum to ensure we are focusing on the whole child and all areas of the curriculum. We aim to send our young adults to secondary school ready for those challenges.

I believe teaching children manners and core values, encouraging them to attain academically, socially and emotionally, and helping them understand the importance of being in school every day, helps develop successful adults who understand that hard work brings success. Ultimately, I believe in a glass half full, rather than a glass half empty.

Although I am the Headteacher of two schools, the dedicated staff ensure that my philosophy and ethos is instrumental every day in each school. They understand that I believe we can only give our best to your children, every day. They understand that I expect all adults to be positive and fair. Without these staff, our schools would not be as successful. I would like to thank them for all their hard work last year and thank them in advance for all their dedication and time spent on making this year a success.

My promise this year is to keep you as up to date with everything as I can. Please refer to the main newsletter for key messages and updates.

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I so look forward to working with all the children, staff, parents and the carers to provide a truly inspiring education for our young people.

Yours sincerely

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