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A Learning Ladder for Life

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome Back!

It has been a great pleasure to welcome pupils back to South Borough after what, for so many, has been such a long absence. We have been so impressed with the maturity and understanding that our children have shown, in adapting to new routines and procedures, designed to ensure their safety whilst at school. Within just a few minutes of the school gates opening fully for the first time in nearly six months, pupils were calmly settled into classrooms and ready to learn. So many children shared with us their happiness at being back, and how good it has been for them to see their friends and teachers.

We wish to thank all those parents and families who have shown their support by quickly adapting to changes when dropping and collecting children. By following these new procedures, you are helping keep everybody safe on our site. We also wish to thank our amazing staff who have worked tirelessly to ensure that the school is fully ready for children to recommence their education, even in these challenging times. Their dedication is paying off, as walking around classrooms today, it almost feels like our children have never been away – so much fantastic learning is taking place and pupils seem settled and pleased to be here. Thank you!

'Drop off' at Gate 4 and Collection Timings

Those families who walk to school from the top of Postley Road, please allow your children to enter school through Gate 4. All year groups can use this gate to ease pressure on our other entrances.

Wherever possible, all parents/carers should arrive to collect their children at the correct times. Arrangements have been made so that there is less crowding and congestion at these busy times to keep everyone at a safe distance. Thank you to all parents/carers who stick to the correct timings- we really appreciate your cooperation. At 3:20pm it is noticeably quieter as some parents/carers are arriving too early on site to collect their children. We would be grateful, moving forward, that you arrive later so that parents and carers of siblings may enter the playground first. Thank you in advance for your support with this. A reminder of timings: parents with siblings: 3:10pm, parents with no siblings 3:20pm. Please may we also ask that all parents queue one behind the other. Parents should not allow their friends to join the queue with them - they must go to the back of the queue to ensure we socially distance. There should only be one person picking up at a time.

Core Values

We would like this opportunity to remind all parents of our core values, which are embedded into all aspects of life here at South Borough. Our core values are: **Sincerity, Bravery, Perseverance and Support**. Please do take some time to go through this with your child. Over the coming weeks, children will be taking part in year group assemblies which will be based around these core values and expectations of behaviour/conduct. Look out for the powerpoint on the school website.

Skinny Dipping

It has been brought to our attention by a parent that some children have been skinny dipping down by the river in Tovil. We would like to remind parents that this is potentially dangerous and could result in a serious accident.



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WHOLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

A MEMBER OF SWALE ACADEMIES TRUST

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Pupil Planners

Every child will have received a brand new Pupil Planner. The purpose of the pupil planner is to make communication between home and school as clear and concise as possible, ensuring that we are able to work together in a cohesive way. It has been designed by our very own staff to make sure that it is personal to South Borough and our needs. We believe it will be a really useful tool which will encourage children to gain a sense of independence and an opportunity to take pride in sharing both their home and school learning.

The planners will be the first point of reference for any home/school communication. Children should bring their planners to school every day and hand it in to the designated place in their own classroom. At the end of the day they should collect their planners and take them home. We would ask you as parents and carers to ensure that the planner is checked each evening for any important messages or information. In the weekly organiser section of the planner, you will find space to record details of home reading and to write messages to your child's teacher. At the back of the planner is a rewards section - take some time to look through this with your child and tell them how proud you are!

Parent Conduct

Unfortunately we have had to deal with some issues this week to do with unacceptable parent behaviour on the school site. All parents, carers and grandparents should be able to come onto the school site without feeling any sort of worry. Can we ask that you are courteous and polite on site at all times regardless of your views and opinions, without making any adults feel intimidated or awkward. Our children should see adults as good role models, remember the little people are watching and listening all the time. If you are experiencing anything of this nature please come in and speak to the school office in confidence or ring. We have recirculated the Parent Code of Conduct and attached the key points to the school gate/fence, so that the expectations are clear to all parents.

Facebook

Could we remind all parents that if they have an issue with South Borough Primary School or a procedure we have, they email in or ring and we will try our best to help and work through any issues rather than taking to Facebook where nothing can be resolved. We have worked hard to be the best school in Kent and value any constructive feedback.

We look forward with confidence to a successful year for all at South Borough!

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Olivier, Mrs Oakley & Mr Currie