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**A Learning Ladder for Life**

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Dear Parents/Carers,

### Hello from Mr Currie!

Firstly, I would like to thank the South Borough community for extending such a warm welcome to me since the beginning of term. It has been lovely to meet and chat with many of you on the gate. Learning hundreds of names is no easy task so do please say hello and make yourself known to me.

I wanted to take this opportunity to tell you a little bit about myself. I am married with four children, ranging in age from 2 up to 17. As you can imagine my family life keeps me busy but I enjoy every moment of creating special memories with them. I have very definite interests, which include musical theatre, jigsaws and being by the sea. I also love playing the piano and enjoy doing this to relax and unwind. Sometimes my younger children like to join in with the piano. As their dad, I am very keen to encourage their creativity but I am not sure my neighbours thank me for this!

For as long as I can remember, I have always wanted to be a teacher. I have been privileged to be doing this job for 18 years and can honestly say that I love every minute of coming to work. I am passionate about providing opportunities for children that not only afford them the essential skills they need to succeed in the future but also create valuable memories of school that they can look back on in fondness. I am a true believer in school being a safe and secure place for children to make mistakes and learn from them, not just through their academic ventures but also in social situations as well. I value the cultural differences of the school community and will work hard to promote equality of opportunity and to educate future generations to respect all citizens, regardless of gender, race, culture, sexuality or disability.

I am delighted to become part of the South Borough team. I want to thank the staff team for their hard work thus far. The staff here are incredible and are committed to going above and beyond to ensure that every child has a fulfilling experience at school. I look forward to working with you all. The success of a school depends very much on everybody working together. With this in mind, please do keep talking to us to share things that you think are going well and suggestions of things you feel we can do differently.

### Pick up and drop off reminders to parents

Thank you to those parents who are continuing to be respectful to our school community and local residents at drop off and pick up times. Please remember to:

- **Socially distance from other parents** on the playground, maintaining a distance of at least 2m. When picking up children from Years 1-3, please remember to stay back from the cones, using the whole of the upper playground to distance and move forward when a space becomes available.
- **Wear a face mask** when on the school site, including at pick up to keep other parents, children and staff safe.
- **Park in allocated bays only**, within the parent car park. Local residents have allocated bays that belong to them. Please do not park in these.
- **Be kind and courteous** to all members of the school community.

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### Individual Photographs

A reminder to all parents that individual photographs will be taken on Wednesday 21st October. PE lessons will not go ahead on this day. There will also be no sibling photographs this year. Please ensure that your child comes into school looking smart wearing full school uniform and tidy hair.

### Staffing Update

We would like to extend a warm welcome to new staff who have recently joined our team. We welcome Mrs Kotiah-Harris as a member of support staff, who will be supporting children across Years 5 and 6. We also welcome Mr Tyler, a Sports Coach, who will be teaching sports lessons to children on Thursdays and Fridays throughout the year. Mr Tyler is currently teaching Years R, 1, 2, 5S and 6P. This will be rotated throughout the school year to ensure that all children get equal opportunities.

### Respect

At South Borough Primary School we respect every single member of our community. We endeavour to role model positive, non discriminatory language to the children in our care and ask when parents drop off and pick up, continue to do the same. Thank you.

### Assemblies

This term the themes of assemblies have been: behaviour and expectations, being kind and Black History. Each class has a year group assembly with a senior leader each week. The key messages from these assemblies are then revisited and discussed in further detail in class. We want to encourage parents to do the same with children at home. We have therefore placed all of our assembly presentations on the school website, which can be found by following this link: <http://www.southboroughprimary.org.uk/index.php?p=1060>

Thanks for your continued support,

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