



SOUTH BOROUGH PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Celebrating our amazing school!



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Tuesday 9th September 2025

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to extend a warm welcome back to all parents and children. I hope you have had a restful summer and enjoyed some well deserved family time. A special welcome to the families of any new children; I hope you have found your first few days at South Borough easy to navigate. As we embark on the new academic year, I thought it would be handy to outline some key pieces of information in a letter for ease of reference.

School Uniform

It was lovely to see children arriving last week donning the new school uniform, especially the new sweatshirts and cardigans. Thanks to parents for making the extra trip to school last week to collect these garments and for bearing with us as we begin our relationship with our new uniform supplier. Mapac have now confirmed that parents will be able to order branded uniform directly from their website from Monday 22nd September. Parents can choose to have these delivered to home for a postage charge or to have their order added to a fortnightly order into school for free.

We can confirm that we'll be donating old branded sweatshirts and cardigans to [Goods for Good](#), a charity that ships clothing to underdeveloped countries. Mrs. T has kindly arranged to transport the uniform to the charity in the near future. If you have any old, branded uniform in good condition, we invite you to donate it by placing it in the drop boxes on the playground during the final week of term (13-17th Oct). By supporting us, you'll help reduce waste and make a significant difference in the lives of children around the world.

School Office

There have been some slight changes to the staffing of the school office this year. Mrs Best has reduced her hours and will be working Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Mrs Jensen will continue to work every day but will be manning the office on her own on Monday and Wednesday. Office opening hours will be 7:15am-3:30pm daily. Please can I ask you to bear this reduced capacity in mind before calling or dropping in - take a look at the school website or Class/school story/announcements on Class Dojo where you might find the answer you are looking for. Our staff will absolutely deal with your queries as they always have; take a look at the [Parent Communications Guide](#) if you are unsure who to direct your questions to.

Parking

On Friday, I noticed a number of cars were double-parked or left blocking the exit, which created an unsafe and frustrating situation for other drivers. Our school car park is a resource designed to help ease congestion at key times, but it has a limited number of spaces. Once the car park is full, please find an alternative place to park to ensure everyone can enter and exit safely. Better yet, I'd like to put out a plea to everyone: if you are able to, please consider walking to school. I understand this isn't always possible due to work or other commitments, but by walking, you will help ease congestion and ensure the car park remains accessible for those who truly need it. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Safeguarding

Keeping children safe remains our school's first priority. Last week, I led an assembly explaining to children how they can keep themselves safe and went through mechanisms that we have in place to support children in school. If children have a worry they can speak to a trusted adult or put a written note explaining the worry into their class' worry box. These are checked every day by adults in the classroom. Children are also aware that Designated Safeguarding Leaders (DSL) within the school have had additional training to support children and families with their worries. Our current DSL team are: Mr Currie, Mr Clarke, Mrs Fulcher, Mrs Hunt, Ms Parkhouse and Mr Smith. Please check out our full safeguarding policies and procedures on our [website](#).

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Attendance

A new year is a perfect time to revisit our school's expectations for attendance and punctuality. Please see below a few highlights from our [Attendance Policy](#):

- Gates open in the morning at 8:40am; pick up time is 3:15pm. Please be prompt.
- All absences should be reported to the office no later than 9.00 on each day of absence by either telephoning the school on 01622 752161 or emailing sbps_office@swale.at
- Any absence will disrupt your child's learning; please only keep them off if absolutely necessary.
- Holidays during term time will not be permitted. Penalty notices will be requested for any parent whose child has accrued 5 days unauthorised absence or more.

Behaviour Policy

Our behaviour policy and systems remain unchanged from previous years. The full policy is available on our website; [this document](#) provides a useful summary for parents. We are particularly excited to celebrate the achievements of our first Power of Purple winners during our assembly on Friday 19th September. Those chosen will continue to be invited to a special breakfast celebration held on Friday mornings from 8:15am.

Congratulations to members of staff

At South Borough it isn't only the children who engage in new learning but adults as well. There are a number of team members who have taken on additional work during their own time to achieve qualifications.

Congratulations to:

Mr Clarke - National Professional Qualification for Headship

Mrs Ford - National Professional Qualification for Leading Literacy

Mr Smith - National Professional Qualification for Senior Leadership

Miss Collins - National Professional Qualification for Leading Mathematics

Mr Currie - National Professional Qualification for Executive Leadership

School Development Priorities

I am delighted to share this year's school development priorities with parents. These are things that we have identified will make South Borough an even better place to learn and will remain foci for the coming year:

1. Adopt the Primary Knowledge Curriculum for RE and DT. RE will now be taught weekly.
2. Adopt Young Minds Curriculum for teaching PSHE and Careers education across the school.
3. Further development of Early Years and Year 1 continuous provision models.
4. Enhance teachers' use of questioning, models and assessment within lessons.
5. Continue developing OPAL Lunchtime provision; achieve OPAL accreditation.
6. Implement Dyslexia Gold and Insight to enhance accuracy of assessment in core skills.

Dates

Staff are currently mapping out dates for the academic year. Keep an eye out on Class Dojo for dates that affect your children.

I am energised and excited about the year ahead. I look forward to working with you and thank you in advance for your support of your children and the team here.

Mathew Currie
Headteacher

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