



Southmead Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers

Firstly, let me introduce myself for those who have not seen or met me on the gate this week. I am Mr Nick Plumb, the new headteacher at Southmead Primary School. My vision is to build on the strengths on this fantastic school and lead it to further success.

After surviving the first week, I would like to thank everyone for their support and encouragement.

Our week started on Monday morning, where we have started to discuss our school's core values. This was a very productive INSET and has really helped shape this week. We will be discussing values with the children over the next few weeks and establishing a set of core values which will be shared with everyone! This was followed by our regular Safeguarding Training so ALL staff members are up-to-date with current policies and procedures; ensuring the safety and welfare of your children.

With the return of our lovely children on Wednesday, we have already started to share expectations and the values for Southmead. I have to say, I have been very impressed with the children's positive attitude and have really enjoyed getting to know them. I take pride in ensuring I know the names and faces of every child at Southmead as well as yours.

Being out on duty has enabled me to get to know the children and for them to get to know me; I am keen to establish a positive learning atmosphere for everyone.

Following on from this, I am keen to ensure communication continues to grow and develop. It is an area that all schools and businesses alike find challenging but we will continue to have this at the forefront moving forward. Therefore, if you have any questions or concerns, I encourage you to speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance or me on the gate. Alternatively, please feel free to arrange a meeting to see a teacher and/or myself via the office for more private matters.

As you might expect, whilst we are building on the excellent foundations, there will be some changes as we move forward. All of which will be for the benefit of our children and prepare them for life outside of Southmead.

Every morning, a member of staff will be on the two gates, which will open at 8.30am. Please feel free to chat to them and raise any issues that you might have.

I have been so impressed with the number of children, and parents, who ride to school each morning. It is something we should be very proud of. Can I please remind you to dismount at the school entrance to prevent any accidents and/or collisions.

On another health and safety note, children should only wear studs for school and take them out for PE. They can no longer be taped.

Finally, our children have come back looking very smart and prepared for the year ahead. Can I please ask you to ensure that children have plain black shoes, as in our school prospectus.

The week ahead provides another opportunity for us to develop and get to know each other more - as a school community.

I look forward to working with you and your children over the year ahead. I have been made to feel very welcome and the children are a credit to you and the school.

Have a fantastic weekend.

Mr Nick Plumb