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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the start of an exciting new school year! I hope that you all enjoyed the summer holiday. It has been wonderful to have our pupils return to school. A very warm welcome to all our new pupils and their families, we are sure they will settle quickly into school life and enjoy their time at Southwold.

Premises works over the holidays

During the holiday, asbestos has been removed from some areas in school and work on the roof completed. As always, I would like to thank Mr Williams (Site Manager) for overseeing the works and ensuring that they were completed on time. A huge thank you also to our teaching staff; they have also worked extremely hard to ensure that your child's classrooms were ready to welcome them back for the start of the year.

School Day

Please remember that the school day starts at 8.45am and finishes at 3:15pm; ensure that your child is brought to and collected on time. Classrooms will be open from 8:40am.

School Meals

School meal prices have increased to £2.70 or £2.45 for nursery meals. Please pay at the school office.

School Uniform – Awesome Appearance

Most of pupils are looking incredibly smart in the school uniforms. They show such pride in their appearance. Parents/carers are reminded that pupils must wear the correct school uniform and PE kit. Plain black shoes **MUST** be worn.

(See school website and parent handbook). We continue to promote pupils 'Awesome Appearance' and expectations must be followed. Pupils may bring a sensible sized bag or school book bag with their reading books and school items only as we have limited space in our cloakrooms.

PE days

Children may come to school wearing the correct PE kit on their PE day. They must wear a white T-shirt, black/blue shorts or jogging bottoms, a blue sweater may be worn during the cold weather and plain black trainers. No football kits are allowed.

Jewellery / Make-Up

Children may wear one pair of stud earrings only. For Health and Safety reasons, hoops/dangling earrings, necklaces, bracelets are not permitted. Please do not send your child wearing these items to school. If so, we will ask your child to remove them and return at the end of the day. Pupils are not permitted to wear make-up or nail

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varnish. Please ensure that this is removed for the start of the school day so your child is ready to learn.

Toys/Items From Home

Please do not send toys, balls, colouring pencils etc. from home. We provide each class with a ball and play equipment is provided for pupils at playtimes.

Home Communication

School uses email and Class Dojo to share information with you. Please ensure that you have responded to a Class Dojo text asking you to sign up, if not already done so. It is a free app and you do not need to pay to use it. It can translate into over 40 languages.

Addresses/Telephone Numbers

Please remember to inform the school office if you have changed your address and/or phone number (including mobiles) and email address. It is important that we are able to contact you.

Inhalers/EpiPen's

If your child uses an inhaler or EpiPen, please ensure that they have brought it to school and that it is in date. Any prescribed medicines must be taken to the school office and relevant forms completed.

Absence/Holidays

If your child is absent from school, please telephone the school office. May I remind you that holidays should not be taken during term time.

Behaviour Policy

We continue to promote and reward positive behaviours. Our three core school rules are: **Be Ready, Be Respectful, Be Safe.**

We recognise that clear structures of predictable outcomes have the best impact on behaviour. Our school's principles for behaviour sets out the rules, relentless routines and visible consistencies that all pupils and staff are expected follow.

Our Behaviour Policy, supports our core Values: Aspirations, Collaboration, Perseverance, Creativity, Exploration and Respect. Each one is a very important part of school life and our pupil's personal development. We will start the term with **Respect**. Pupils will be recognised and rewarded with Dojo points for displaying our Core Values.

Please note the remaining **INSET days** for the academic year 2024-25:

- Friday 18th October 2024
- Friday 27th June 2025
- Friday 25th July 2025

Kind regards,

Mrs Salmeron
Head Teacher

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