9th September 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a wonderful first week back we have had. It was so lovely to see every one walk in on Monday and be so pleased to see friends and staff. It really does show how much our school is growing, and that a real family feel is developing. Can I say a special well done and welcome to our new starters, who so far have been exceptional. It is early days, but we are already incredibly excited about what we can achieve together going forward and we hope you have enjoyed your first week as well. To our new families also, welcome, we hope you feel supported and please, any issues, do not hesitate to contact us.

A few new term messages from myself:

* I am delighted to welcome three new teachers to Sir Bobby Robson School. Mr Chris Ribchester, Miss Sharon Taylor and Ms Elle Zwandahl all join our upper school department.
* Attendance will be on every schools’ agenda this year and here at SBR, we will be looking at ways to continue to support and improve attendance for all of our pupils. It goes without saying that attendance I school is vital for consistency, routine, and progress. If you are having issues, please speak to us and we will always be here to help and support. With have a new Education Welfare Officer this year linked to school, so we will be working with him to offer support.
* Our uniform is designed to be ASD and pupil friendly, and we are happy to be flexible, but I do ask that if joggers or trainers are worn, that they are black. Also, non-school hoodies and general trainers are not acceptable. Please can I ask that you support this and as always, any issues, please speak to us and we will do all we can to help.
* Please can I remind everyone we are a nut free school, and any snacks sent in should be healthy options. Please can I also ask that pupils are not sent in with squash, energy drinks, fizzy drinks, sports drinks or big cartons of juice. All of these have been seen this week. We do, however require all pupils to bring in a water bottle daily – they get very hot in school!
* Class Dojo is now set up for each form and you should have received an email to help you set it up. We will be using this to help increase daily communications with you, but it is also a simple way for you to be in contact with the form teachers. Please do use it to drop any messages but please know that I do not expect staff to reply out of working hours.
* Transport is not something that we organise or have any control of but please do let us know if you are having any issues. We will always try and help where we can. There are usually teething issues at the start of the year, but I am sure they will smooth out. You can contact them directly by emailing Transport.ServiceSpecialised@suffolk.gov.uk
* Language is the one thing that has been a slight issue this week, so we have had a whole school assembly to remind the pupils of what we expect in school. One theme that has been seen has been the use of derogatory language (in pockets) towards our female staff. Please could I ask you help us to support the importance of showing respect to everyone, male or female. We will not tolerate any form of discrimination here at SBR and we are really keen to nip this in the bud now.
* Please keep an eye out for our parent café sessions this year. Emma Kelly, our Welfare and Family Liaison Officer has lots planned this year and we are really keen to offer you more opportunities to come and be a part of our school community.

Again, welcome back and we look forward to a new year. As always, if we can help in any way, please do not hesitate to get in contact.

Many thanks

Adam