



South Norwood Primary School

The Pioneer Academy

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Dear South Norwood Primary School Community,

As we embark on a new academic year, I am delighted to welcome you all back to school. The start of September always brings with it a sense of excitement and anticipation, and I am thrilled to see our pupils return with such enthusiasm for learning.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself formally as your new Head of School. Many of you may already know me from my previous role as Deputy Head at South Norwood Primary. I am honoured to step into this new position and look forward to leading our school community towards even greater achievements.

In the spirit of new beginnings, I am pleased to announce that Kiesha Douglas is our new Deputy Head. Miss Douglas brings a wealth of experience and fresh perspectives to our leadership team, and I am confident that her contributions will be invaluable to our school's continued success.

It is with great pleasure that we extend a warm welcome to our new families joining South Norwood Primary this week and next. We are excited to have you as part of our school community and look forward to getting to know you better in the coming weeks and months. Your children are joining a vibrant and supportive learning environment, and we are committed to ensuring their smooth transition into our school.

I am delighted to report that our pupils have returned to school with a palpable sense of energy and enthusiasm for learning. Their eagerness to engage with new challenges and their readiness to embrace the opportunities that lie ahead are truly inspiring. This positive attitude sets an excellent tone for the academic year, and I am confident that it will translate into significant achievements across all areas of school life.

As we settle into the new term, I would like to bring your attention to a few important notices:

Firstly, please be aware that **our After School Club will be closed on September 11th** due to staff training. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause and appreciate your understanding as we invest in our staff's professional development to better serve our pupils.

Headteacher – Mr James Looker
Deputy Head Teachers – Stef Maher, Keisha Douglas

The Pioneer Academy is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all our pupils and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

For our sports enthusiasts, Coach Mickey will be conducting trials for sports clubs next week. If your child is interested in participating, please ensure they connect with Coach Mickey for more information about the trials and selection process.

Additionally, I am pleased to inform you that our other after-school clubs will commence the week beginning September 16th. We will be sharing detailed information about these clubs soon. Most non-sporting clubs will be priced at £10 per term, offering excellent value for a wide range of enriching activities. For your convenience, bookings for these clubs will be available through Parent Pay.

As we move forward together, I want to reaffirm our commitment to providing a nurturing and stimulating educational environment for all our pupils. We believe in the potential of every child and are dedicated to supporting their growth academically, socially, and emotionally.

I look forward to working closely with all of you - pupils, parents, staff, and the wider community - to ensure that South Norwood Primary continues to be a place where learning thrives, creativity flourishes, and every child feels valued and supported.

Here's to a fantastic year ahead, filled with learning, growth, and shared successes. Thank you for your continued support and engagement in our school community.

James Looker
Head of School