

## Every second to be Valuable, Inspiring, Personalised



7<sup>th</sup> September 2023

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Dear Parents/Carers,

A warm welcome to the start of the 2023-24 school year. I hope you enjoyed a restful summer and your child is looking forward to the year ahead. A particularly warm welcome to our new parents. Naturally, there were a few nervous faces yesterday morning, but I am sure they returned home with a smile after their first day.

Sandon School remains an exceptional learning environment, based on our VIP (Valuable Inspiring Personalised) values and family ethos. We are looking forward this year to all pupils taking advantage of a number of enrichment options outside of lessons, whether that is Forrest School, swimming, horse riding, lunch clubs, therapies or visiting our Café in town. Your support as parents/carers in encouraging your child to engage with these is always appreciated.

In my meetings with staff, I have spoken about the privilege of leading such a caring and kind school where pupils' voice is at the centre of everything we do.

We haven't stopped since our 'Outstanding' Ofsted visit in April 23, and have been working hard on several projects over the summer:

- We have completed the refurbishment of four classrooms and communal areas
- We have updated some toilets and hygiene suits
- We have completed the hydro pool and awaiting a formal handover by professionals.
   Opening date tbc
- We have resurfaced the playground area at the back of the hydro pool building

It has been exciting seeing these projects develop as we work hard to ensure pupils enjoy the best possible learning environment.

This year I am pleased to welcome two new apprentices and a midday supervisor to our team.

Caitlin (Maple class), Stacey (Pine class) and Thu supporting at lunchtimes. Sara Ellis will lead Hospitality class and Post 16 as she steps down from her Assistant Headteacher role to spend more time with her family.

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We will send separate correspondence with the many exciting events this term and beyond such as Open Evenings and school performances.

If you don't already, I would encourage you to also engage with our social media accounts. We post regularly on these to celebrate the many achievements of our pupils.

Finally, a polite reminder about school uniform expectations for pupils at primary and secondary phase as well as Post 16 students. The school's high expectations in regards to pupil attendance will be highlighted throughout the year as well.

I look forward to meeting you in person soon and I hope your child enjoys the year ahead.

Yours sincerely,

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Stela Plamenova Headteacher

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