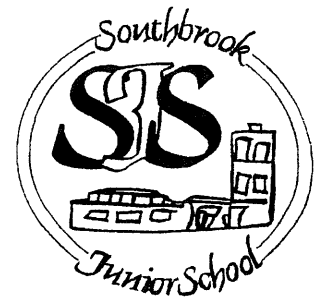




Danetre School



Specialist Engineering College



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Dear Parents and Carers

It is pleasing to be able to write to you with some good news. Following a recent meeting of Governors and Headteachers from Southbrook Infant and Nursery School, Southbrook Junior School and Danetre School we have made the decision to work more closely together. Our schools are located on a campus setting and it seems to make good sense to explore ways in which we can cooperate for the benefit of the young people and their families who attend the schools. The schools together currently have some 1400 young people on roll.

As you may be aware Southbrook Junior School has gone through a difficult time over the last two years. However, there are many examples of good practice in the three schools that we wish to build on. By working together we can build supportive structures that will allow more rapid progress on the things that need to be improved and build greater stability in the long term. This can only be of benefit to our young people. In an uncertain world, the more certainty that we can give, the more our young people are likely to be motivated to do their best, achieve highly and build successful futures for themselves. We believe that all of our young people are important and deserve the chance to discover their talents and be successful.

In order for this initiative to succeed we have decided to make some adjustments to leadership across the schools. The three headteachers will meet regularly to plan progress, with David Howell as Interim Executive Headteacher across the campus. We will seek a new Headteacher for the Junior School, initially on a one year basis as we further examine our plans for the future. The Governors of the three schools will meet regularly to ensure that the schools are moving in the right direction, that the interests of all our young people are being served and to discuss ways of developing our collaboration in the future.

Our intention is that the education of our young people should be first class and that children and parents should be proud of the schools that they work with. Our hope is that all parents and carers will give us their full support over the next year, so that together we can begin to create an innovative and rewarding partnership. We are sure that you will share our view that a good education is invaluable and that every effort should be made to achieve this. We are pleased to govern and represent schools that demonstrate a willingness to innovate, have a range of experienced and effective leaders and have staff who are hard-working, skilled and who really do 'go the extra mile' for young people.

Thank you for your support and for entrusting us with your children.

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