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To: Parent / Carers

Dear Parent or Carer

Review of Additional Support Needs Provision

I hope you and your family are settling in to being back at school and that everyone is safe and well during this challenging time. I know many parents are anxious about the impact on the pandemic on their child's education as well as making sure they are safe while at school or nursery. Please be assured that we are closely following all national guidance and we have robust procedures in place for safety and hygiene.

I wanted to get in touch with you to keep you updated on our review of Additional Support Needs provision, which we put on hold earlier this year due to the pandemic. This was essential so we could support children and young people and their families while schools and nurseries were closed during lockdown. I know that many parents found lockdown challenging and I want to thank you for your continued patience and support during these last few months.

We said we would continue to keep you informed as work progressed on the review and I want to apologise that we weren't able to provide a detailed update to you earlier this year. Some of you took part in our parent engagement sessions last year and I want to thank you for your contribution. Your views are an essential part of the review and are helping us to improve the ASN service.

It's now the start of a new school year and I wanted to update you on plans to resume the ASN review in the coming months. We will continue to engage with you on the review as it progresses and inform you of our next steps.

The principles of the review remain the same – ensuring the needs of every individual child are at its heart and any improvements we make will be for the benefit of those with Additional Support Needs. We will continue to keep you updated on the review as it progresses.

I want to once again thank you for your continued patience and support during this time. Our schools have had to make a number of changes to support safety and hygiene measures in line with national guidance, however we remain committed to school life being as close to normal as possible in a safe and welcoming environment.

Your school will already have informed you if there have been any changes for your child or your family and these changes are not connected to the ASN review.

Yours sincerely



Gordon McKinlay
Head of Schools