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Dear Parent/Carer,

Special Educational Needs and Disabililties (SEND) Information Update Autumn Term

Welcome to our termly SEND update. To further improve communications with families, we will be producing a termly newsletter to update you on the latest developments of SEND in school, as well as what additional resources you can access to further support your child.

We have had a fantastic start to the year and our SEND community continues to thrive at Sandringham School. Our Teaching Assistant team has continued to grow and we are pleased to welcome Amy Pearson, Sital Patel, Anne Bowman and Meri Holland to the team this year.

The SEND section of our school website has been refreshed and updated. The link to this is available here: https://sandringham.herts.sch.uk/send/. Also available on this page is a PDF link to our comprehensive annual SEND report which gives an overview of our **Local Offer**.

This year we continue to work with our partners at **DSPL(7)**, which is the Hertfordshire-wide partnership approach where parents, carers, school staff, colleges, local authority officers and representatives from other agencies, work together as part of an Area Group, to ensure that there is a range of provision and support services available in their local community for children and young people with SEND and their families. Information and resources to this group can be found here: https://dspl7.org.uk/

Education Psychology Contact Line – Contact Line is a 'quick queries' service for parents, carers, and young people (aged 16-25) where you can speak directly to an EP. You can call if you are a parent or carer of a Hertfordshire child or young person aged between 0-16 or if you are a young person aged between 16-25. Their number is: 01992 588574 (Wednesdays 2.00pm - 4.30pm).

We are also busy working on updating our individual student **SEND plans** for Years 7 to 11. These are a valuable resource that provide a centralised view of a young person's needs as well as strategies that can really help them to progress. Year 11 SEND plans have already been shared with families, and we anticipate having the remainder completed and sent out to families early in the new year. Once you receive your child's SEND plan, there will be the usual method to enable you to provide on-line feedback.

Yours sincerely,

Chris Bloomfield SENDCO

















