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Dear Parents / Carers

NEW ARRANGEMENTS FOR SUPPORTING CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND DISABILITIES

In September last year there were changes made to the law for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities. Although parents of pupils who have a Statement of Special Educational Needs have already received a letter from KCC which gave details about the changes, I wanted to write all parents and carers, regardless of whether they have a child with special educational needs or not, to make everyone aware of the changes.

Any changes will be introduced over the next 12 months. The new legislation is aimed at increasing family involvement, a greater focus on personal goals and improved rights and protections for young people in further education and training.

Statements of Special Educational Need are being replaced with Education Health Care Plans which will be in place if required until the pupil is aged 25 rather than the current Statements that last until the pupil is 16.

For children with less complex needs but who still require help a new system has been introduced that is called Special Educational Needs (SEN) Support which replaces the previous categories of School Action and School Action Plus.

The staff at Reculver have identified the Pupils who require closer monitoring and some interventions to support their learning but, who do not require as much learning support and additional resources as those pupils identified as "SEN Support". These are being identified as "Early Intervention". Pupils may move from one category to another when the effectiveness of any interventions carried out are reviewed at the termly Pupil Progress meetings which are held between the Headteacher Mr Fox, myself and Class Teachers.

Individual Education Plans, which were previously written for pupils who required additional interventions and resources, are now being replaced with either class or individual Provision Plans on a phased basis throughout this year.

If your child has been identified as "SEN Support" you will be advised of this before the end of this academic year. Once this initial information has been shared, any changes will be communicated

and discussed with you when you are advised of your pupil's progress at Parents Evenings and when you receive your pupils report at the end of the Academic Year.

Your child's teacher is always happy to discuss any concerns you may have regarding your child and I am keen to support them with identifying any barriers to your child's learning as well as the appropriate ways of overcoming those barriers.

Further information about the Special Educational Needs support that is available at Reculver can be found on the school website, where you can also find the Draft SEN Policy.

Yours faithfully,

Fiona Cunningham
Inclusion Manager