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Dear Parents,

We are writing to let you know that there have been many changes in Special Education Needs and Disability (SEND). These were introduced under the Children and Families Act 2014, requiring Education, Health and Social Care to work in a new, more co-ordinated way from September 2014.

Surrey's aim to improve outcomes and opportunities for young people with special educational needs and / or disability.

The main changes include:

- a new code of practice for SEND, looking at a graduated response to supporting children with SEND
- Educational Health Care Plans (ECHP) will replace Statements / Learning Disability Assessments, covering children and young people from 0-25 years
- School Action and School Action Plus have been replaced with a single category known as SEND Support
- schools have to publish a 'Local Offer' which we have published on the school website (under Learning then SEND)
- greater focus on the Wave 1 level of teaching, which we have published on the school website (under Learning then SEND)
- working closely with parents and young people to support their needs

Every child who is either SEN Support or has a Statement goes on our school SEND register. As an ongoing process our SEN register is being reviewed; with there being a bigger emphasis on Wave 1 (in-class support).

We have changed our Individual Education Plans (IEPs) for those who are on the SEND register to new Target Plans and Pupil Profiles. If your child is on the SEND register these will be shared with you at Parents' Consultation.

Should you have any queries at all then please contact me.

With kindest regards

Mrs C Patrick SENDCo







