



Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Unfortunately, I have to share some news about Mrs Aiken our Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCO). She will need to take extended absence from school due to a diagnosis of Hodgkin Lymphoma, which as I am sure you will understand has come as quite a shock for the staff in the school.

Obviously, this was very difficult news for her and her family. I am sure that you will join me in sending wishes to her and her family for a speedy recovery.

I have been working on a plan to support the Special Educational Needs (SEN) children and of course you as parents, especially those of you who have a child with SEN.

Miss Thebault will move to join the Senior Leadership Team and provide SEND support for children across the school. In addition to this, I have asked Jane Cottee who is currently the SEND Director for the TRUST and has a huge amount of experience to provide SENCO support for us.

We hope that this will ensure that there is minimal disruption to the children and their development.

We will try to remain positive and hope that the medical teams can work their magic and Mrs Aiken will be back with us before we know it.

Any emails or correspondence sent to Mrs Aiken will be redirected to the Office and then forwarded to the person we feel can best address any actions required.

Thank you in advance for your patience and understanding at this time.

Yours sincerely,

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