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Dear Parents/Carers,

As we come towards the end of the term, I write to share some updates regarding SEND provision here at The King's School and the direction of travel. We are committed to improving the quality and consistency of our SEND provision to ensure that our all of our students receive an inclusive education which allows them to reach their full potential.

In order to achieve this goal we have recruited two new Learning Support Assistants (LSAs), one based within each Key Stage. The increase in LSA capacity will improve SEND specific support across the curriculum and empower a partnership between teachers and LSAs by further developing their subject understanding and curriculum expertise. This will be coupled with ongoing Continued Professional Development for both LSAs and Teaching Staff during the summer term.

SEND students will continue to access mainstream curriculum lessons with most interventions taking place during form time. This will accelerate progress for students with SEND by optimising their time with subject specialists across a broad curriculum. In addition to specialist student support within the classroom, students will access a variety of LSAs to promote socialisation and independence. Of course, they will still have a consistent pastoral support network through LSAs and the Student Liaison Officers.

On a final note, I wish to inform you that Grace Brown will be leaving The King's School as of today, **Friday 25th March, 2022**. Please be reassured Mr Lunn and I have worked very closely to ensure that the needs of children will continue to be met during the upcoming summer term. This time has enabled us to reflect on our successes and further enhance the profile of SEND at The King's School. I am pleased to announce a recruitment process is well under way as we look to appoint an Assistant Headteacher with responsibility for Inclusion as SENCo. This will help to further embed a deeprooted culture of SEND at The King's School.

Miss Brown has asked me to pass on the following message to you, as parents and carers:

"I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at The King's School working with many families within our school community. Your continued support, time and efforts are greatly appreciated. I wish you and your children all the best in the future."

If you wish to contact the SEND department regarding your child please email **tks-senco@kings.patrust.org.uk** and one of the team will be in touch. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact school and make an appointment.

Yours sincerely

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