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Dear Families,

As we start our new academic year, I would like to inform you of some important changes to the Special Educational Needs support team at Armfield Academy. These changes are needed to support our growing school community and ensure that we are able to be the best that we can be to help our children in all phases of the school.

We have recently appointed Mr Martin as our full time SEND administrator across all phases of the school. We have created a new email for the team at [send@armfield.fcat.org.uk](mailto:send@armfield.fcat.org.uk) so that your queries can be dealt with more efficiently.

Miss Sharp and Miss Blackburn have been appointed as Assistant SENDCo's in the secondary school. Miss Sharp will focus on access arrangements for exams and educational testing. Miss Blackburn will be organising interventions to support learners and also play a key role in ensuring high quality teaching and learning for students with additional needs. I will continue to be based in the secondary school on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday; on Thursday and Friday I will be based in the primary school.

Armfield Academy will continue to follow the graduated approach to meeting the needs of all of our children. More information about the graduated approach can be accessed by clicking this link:

[Blackpool Graduated Approach](#)

In the first instance, your concerns should always be raised with your child's class teacher in the primary school or with your child's form tutor if they are in the secondary school.

I would like to thank Mr McDonald who has done an excellent job supporting our children and families in the primary phase with SEND. Mr McDonald will still be based in the primary school and will be continue to be a support to the team during the transitional phase.

The SEND Team are excited for the challenges ahead and look forward to working in partnership to support all of our children.

Yours in partnership,

**Rachel Hurst**

**Senior Assistant Headteacher SEND/Inclusion**