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Dear Parents/Guardians

Education Health and Care (EHC) Plans to replace Statements

I refer to the letter sent to you this week from the DfE, which advised that as from September 2014 Government reforms mean that children/young people aged 0-25 years with severe and complex needs will have a single plan which sets out all the support they will receive from education, health and social care and who is responsible for each part of the plan. This EHC Plan will replace the Statement of Special Educational Needs.

Families will have more input into identifying their children's needs and the support required to get the most out of life, whether that is from school, college, health or the council. It is, after all, parents that know their child best so parents and young people are at the heart of the processes and decisions.

The council will need to produce information on all the services it expects to be available locally, 'The Local Offer' and arrange a personal budget if that is what the family chooses.

Schools will also be required to publish information on how they meet SEND needs.

All agencies will jointly plan and commission the services that are needed and will be responsible for monitoring whether these are improving outcomes.

Those children with existing Statements of Special Educational Need will be transferred to an EHC over time (the current suggestion is within 3 years).

Boldmere Junior School will be required to develop our own personal offer that will soon be published on our website. This will detail what we as a school can offer children with identified special educational needs as well as signposting parents to what is available more widely as part of the City's local offer.

Yours sincerely

Mr C Glasgow
Head Teacher



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