



Longbenton High School

13th December 2022

Dear Parents & Carers

Appointment of AHT/SENCO

I wanted to write to you with an update regarding some staffing changes we are making in the SEND department. I appreciate that this has been a difficult term with regard to staffing absences and resulting parental communication; I want to reassure you that capacity within the team will improve going forward.

Our current SENCO, Mrs Avary, was appointed to a new post at Whitburn in South Tyneside last month. As a result, we have as of last week recruited a new Assistant Headteacher SENCO, Joe Elliott, who will be joining us from Seaton Valley Federation.

To add to the capacity within the team, we will be advertising some further posts in the new year. These are in recognition of the high priority we are placing on SEND provision at Longbenton High School.

I will be in contact again regarding the confirmation of a start date for the new SENCO. I will also be writing to invite you to some parent/carer events starting in January, connected to an NHS pilot scheme our school is part of.

If you have any concerns or questions in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me directly by email at kho@longbenton.org.uk

Yours faithfully

Kelly Holbrook
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