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Dear parents/carers,

As we begin the new school year, I would like to extend a warm welcome from the Learning Support team and introduce myself as the SENCo/Head of Inclusion at St. Bernard's.

We believe in a fully inclusive educational environment which means that we value the abilities and achievements of all pupils and are committed to providing the best possible setting for learning. We offer a holistic approach, which means students are taught in mainstream classes with differentiated work and different learning strategies based on their additional needs and targets. The Learning Support Team work across the school in partnership with both the pastoral team and subject departments.

The Learning Support team benefits from enthusiastic and experienced staff who work with targeted students in class, as well as some personalised and small group interventions by invitation. Outside of lessons we are based in the St Helen's Centre; available to any student who feels that they would benefit from support with their learning before school from 8.00am, at lunchtime and after school until 4.00pm.

In the coming weeks we will be in touch with some further information that you may find useful. If you have any queries or concerns regarding Learning Support or special educational needs please contact the team via the SEN mailbox:
sen@stbernards.southend.sch.uk.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Alexander
SENCo / Inclusion Lead