



22nd October 2021

Dear Parents,

SENDCO Update

We hope you have had a good start back this Autumn and that your child has been supported to settle quickly back into the near normal running of school life, with all the exciting learning opportunities it brings. It has been lovely to see our students interacting with one another across the school community once more and getting involved in more practical learning activities.

We pride ourselves on supporting each of our students as individuals and understanding what they need to enable learning to take place in a supportive environment.

Mr Case as Head of Learning Support and our SENDCO has been a key member of the team and our personalised approach to supporting our students with additional needs to be successful and therefore it is with some sadness we must inform you that he will be leaving us at Christmas to take up another role elsewhere. We know that he has had a positive impact on so many of our students and will be greatly missed. Many of our students with additional needs do not like periods of change and this news will undoubtedly unsettle them; however Mr Case will be meeting with each student to explain the process of transfer to our new Head of Learning Support, Mrs Higham, over the next half term.

Mrs Higham has a wealth of experience in education over 20 years and has been a SENDCO for a number of years. She is dedicated to getting the best provision for all students within her care and is passionate about supporting all of our teachers to utilise a range of teaching strategies to support students' individual needs. We look forward to welcoming her to our school community in January.

In addition, we have been successful in appointing Mrs Croskell to be our new Inclusion Manager here in school. Mrs Higham and Mrs Croskell will continue to be supported by Mrs Batey, who is now our Executive Inclusion Manager for the Trust. Mrs Batey will ensure a smooth transition in the seamless support of our students. Mrs Croskell will be joining us after half term and will be working closely with both our Head of Learning Support, our House Progress Leaders and our Pastoral team.

Please don't hesitate to get in contact through enquires@tarletonacademy.org should you have any further questions.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs V Hill
Headteacher

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