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SENCo Staffing Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are writing to let you know that sadly, Dr. Fisher our Assistant Headteacher and SENCo will be leaving Palmer at the end of this term.

Over the last year since she joined us, Dr. Fisher has supported us to overhaul our provision for children with Special Educational Needs and leaves us in a much stronger position to move forwards in the new academic year. We are sure you will join us in thanking Dr. Fisher for her commitment and dedication to not only the Palmer Academy, but of course those children with Special Educational Needs.

We are currently recruiting for a replacement for our post of Assistant Headteacher for Inclusion/SENCo and we anticipate that this new member of the team will be in place by January 2023. We will update you further in due course.

We have appointed Miss. Harley Chalmers on a permanent basis who joins us from Green Ridge Primary Academy (one of the other REACh2 schools in Buckinghamshire) who will be joining us as a part-time Assistant SENCo, three days per week. Miss. Chalmers will join us from September and is very much looking forward to working with the staff, pupils and parents/carers. Miss. Chalmers has already visited the school and is working on a handover of all information with Dr. Fisher. We hope that by increasing our SEN/D support and capacity at Palmer, we can further enhance the provision we offer our pupils.

Until a new permanent SENCo is found, we have also agreed that Miss. Emma Young, the SENCo from Ranikhet Academy in Reading be with us one day a week at Palmer for the autumn term. She will work alongside Miss. Chalmers and the other leaders at Palmer to ensure that our children are fully supported.

Both Miss. Young and Miss. Chalmers look forward to meeting you in September.

Yours faithfully,

Mr A. Wanford
Executive Headteacher

Miss L. Thomassen
Head of School