



20th November 2012

Dear Parent/Carer

As a result of changes in Government funding, Norfolk County Council has also changed the amount and distribution of money to support pupils with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND). This means that money to support SEND is now held by the Old Buckenham Cluster. All schools within the cluster will now have to apply to this fund, for financial support for pupils with SEND. The total fund allocated to the 8 schools within the Old Buckenham Cluster is £27,384 for this financial year. If your child has SEND, then we will discuss with you their learning needs and the provision they require. Together we can plan the next steps for them. Often this can be adjustments made in class by the teacher, but sometimes it may be working in small groups, practising a skill or following a programme.

As a result of the changes in funding for SEND pupils, teaching assistants will have to be deployed differently to meet the needs of pupils. The number of pupils receiving one-to-one support after April may therefore reduce, as the limited funding will have to be used in a different way.

There are times where extra "support for learning" may be required, at which point we can apply to our Cluster fund. We meet as a Cluster every half term to plan the distribution of support for learning across the schools in the Cluster and to share good practice that will benefit learners with SEND.

We will continue to work tirelessly to ensure that all the learning needs are met for all our children.

If you wish to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to contact the SENCo (Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator) at your school.

Yours sincerely,

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