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Dear parents and carers of our SEND pupils at Kents Hill Junior School,

As you will have seen in our Ofsted report shared with you today, our extensive SEND offering and the support provided by staff has been highly praised.

“Leaders have clear identification processes for pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND). Staff have many strategies to support pupils with SEND. They adapt the curriculum where appropriate so that pupils can access the learning. This enables these pupils to learn well alongside their peers.”

We are proud of the provision we have in place at Kents Hill Junior School and I want to assure you that we will always do everything we can to provide the best for our pupils.

It is really important to us that as parents and carers of our SEND pupils, you fully understand the wide range of provision available and how your child specifically is being supported to be successful.

As a school, we are always looking to continually improve, including initiatives around SEND. Communication with our parents and carers of our SEND pupils is part of our ambition to ensure we are providing the best education possible. We are striving to enhance our communication with you to ensure that your child feels happy, achieves to the best of their academic ability and most importantly, enjoys attending Kents Hill Junior School.

We have already put actions in place to further improve communication:

- Introduced topic specific SEND coffee sessions to the diary. These will provide an opportunity for you to see some of the resources and learn more about the support we have in place.
- Introduced SEND drop in sessions where you can ask specific questions or ask for personalised support directly to our SEND team.
- Ms Marable, our Executive SENDCo, is now out of class and on-site 3 days a week which is dedicated SEND time, along with the continued full-time support of Miss Chaney (Assistant SENDCo) and our wider LSA team.
- Listening to feedback, we have separated our One Plan meetings from Parents Evenings to ensure dedicated and confidential time to discuss one plans with both class teacher and our SEND team.
- We will be sending out a parent/carer questionnaire to further gain your views to help us to continue to develop our SEND offering together.

I would like to ask that if at any point you do have any questions or concerns, please raise these with us straight away so that the most appropriate member of staff can quickly address these. This ensures that every child in our school loves coming to KHJS.

Thank you once again for all of your wonderful support of the school, we look forward to continuing our journey and building on our strengths together.

Kind regards,

Miss J Parkes
Head of Academy

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