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Dear Parents and Carers,

Further to the newsletter sent home on 3<sup>rd</sup> September which identified the classes and staffing arrangements for September 2018, I am writing to you to explain a little more about the inclusion team and how they will be working with your children during the next academic year.

From September 2018 the inclusion team will consist of:

Mrs Mair: Inclusion Leader  
Mrs Waddell: EAL (English as an Additional Language) Leader  
Mrs Bannister: Learning Mentor  
Mrs McKenzie: Learning Mentor  
Mrs Henshaw: SEN Teaching Assistant  
Mrs Wildsmith: SEN Teaching Assistant  
Mrs Branski: SEN Teaching Assistant

Your child may be supported by any of the members of the team throughout the year. The amount of support that they receive will depend upon their need, possible Special Needs entitlement through an Education Health Care Plan (EHCP) or advice from an external agency.

An example of EAL support could be for a child who joins the school and is a new user of English. They will be supported by Mrs Waddell who will set up work for Teaching Assistants within school to work with the child. Additionally children who are learning English as an additional language will continue to work on vocabulary and language structure supported by Mrs Waddell.

An example of support for a child with an EHCP would be through support either in the classroom to access the curriculum and through targeted work within The Nest which has been running throughout this academic year and allows children with an EHCP to work towards their individual targets, whilst also supporting their social, communication and sensory needs.

An example of support for a child's wellbeing could be through work with one of our Learning Mentors who are available to support children at times throughout the year when they need someone to talk to, or through work on programmes such as Boomerang which promotes both emotional and academic resilience and has been developed along with the Mental Health team working with us in school this term.

Members of the inclusion team are regularly in the playground before or after school and are also keen to ensure that parents stay informed about any of the work being completed in school. If you wish to meet with a member of the team please speak to them to arrange a suitable meeting time, or pop into, telephone or email the main office and a message will be passed on for the member of staff to contact you.

Hopefully this helps to share with you how we are keen to ensure that every child at Howes has the opportunity to be the best that they can be. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Mandy Mair  
Inclusion Leader

