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Dear Parents/Carers,

As a parent of a child at our school who is in receipt of an EHC Plan, we feel that we need to confirm some information that you should have received from Bury LA.

From April 2022, the funding arrangements to support EHCPs changed. Before April 2022, each plan stated a set number of hours of support. This has now changed to a banding system, the lowest being 1 the highest 5. Each band is subject to a set funding level and Bury LA should have informed you of your child's band.

This has resulted in school having to make changes to the way in which your child receives support. The main reason for this is that the new banding formula has resulted in a drop in funding, compared to that given against EHCP hours. Due to this change, school is now having to review and adapt the way your child's learning is supported. The support is dependent on the amount of funding school receives against the allocated band.

The targets on EHCPs and the level of need are of course the key drivers here. It is likely that your child may receive reduced 1 to 1 support or work alongside other children. Your child may also be supported by a variety of adults. Some of our children will continue to be supported 1 to 1 by the same familiar adult.

Our SENCOs are currently carrying out a difficult exercise to ensure that your child continues to be well supported and that their targets are met. We understand that this situation may cause some worry but please be assured that school is working hard to ensure your children are not overtly affected by these changes.

This situation has been imposed upon us by the LA and if you have any questions on this please contact Michael Kemp at Bury LA. Of course, school is always available to discuss these changes further. I know many of you are already having ongoing discussions with Miss Armstrong and Miss Quirke concerning these changes and we thank you for your high levels of understanding with this matter.

Kind Regards,

Mr P.J.Lord