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Dear Parents and Carers

My name is Mrs Towner and I am your new Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENDCo). I am very excited to be part of the team here at Billingshurst Primary School and very much look forward to working with you to ensure the best provision possible is in place for your child.

I am aware of our inspection report and that this raised some concerns for some parents/carers regarding our provision for children with SEND. Miss Williamson has recently shared with you our SEND Review, which took place in June this year. I hope when reading the Review you noticed, like me, the incredibly positive themes throughout, further highlighting what a fully inclusive school Billingshurst Primary is. With this in mind and following on from Miss Williamson's letter dated 5th March 2020, regarding SEND at Billingshurst, I would like to share with you our first steps in implementing the recommendations from the SEND Review.

Having spent the first weeks in post getting to know pupils and staff, I would very much like to get to know you. That said, Miss Williamson and I would like to invite you to a SEND coffee morning on Thursday 21st October between 9-10.30am in the Key Stage 2 Hall. There will be tea, coffee and biscuits and a chance to meet me, hear some of our future plans for SEND and the opportunity to meet other parents/carers of pupils with SEND.

At Billingshurst we believe that all children are equal, yet being equal does not mean they all need the same support. It is important to all staff at Billingshurst that we celebrate everyone's strengths and uniqueness. Supporting our pupils with SEND is challenging as we deal with limited budgets, declining resources, reduced external agencies and a vast increase in need. At Billingshurst we wholeheartedly understand your frustrations as parents/carers when things do not happen as quickly as you would wish, but please know we are all working in the best interest of your child and to do this we need to work together.

So, to begin our joint partnership, please come along to our SEND coffee morning. If you are unable to attend, please do send in your thoughts by email via the school office for my attention.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on 21st October.

Kind regards,

Mrs Towner
SENDCo

