



20th September 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

I wanted to write to you, as a matter of courtesy, to let you know that I have taken over the role of SENCo at Northallerton School. In this capacity, I will develop an overview of the support we provide to students to ensure that they have every opportunity to fulfil their potential. I will be supported in this role by a newly appointed second in the department for SEND, Miss Lucy Robson, and a very capable and highly experienced team of Advanced Teaching Assistants and Teaching Assistants, who you are probably already familiar with.

In turn, I am taking time to familiarise myself with the students and their needs and have spent some time perusing their student passports. This is an important document which helps teachers to ensure that they adapt their teaching so that all children make progress. All students will have a named member of the SEND team who will work closely with tutors, heads of year, subject teachers and, of course yourselves, to provide the most effective support that we can. This person will be your first port of call should you wish to discuss anything regarding your child's special needs provision. I will, of course, liaise with those staff and maintain an overview of this work and provide additional support where necessary.

I am fully committed to helping your child to secure the best outcomes possible in their time at our school and I very much look forward to working with you to ensure their success.

Kind Regards

Mrs S Bell
Assistant Head/SENCo