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Dear Parent/Carer,

Firstly, I wanted to say how lovely it has been to be able to hold conversations with some of you over the phone, in person or virtually. I know I have not spoken to all of you just yet and I will be in touch shortly. I really appreciate your patience, as I do want to give you all the time you deserve, so please do bear with me in connecting with you. I have now been at Bourne End Academy for a month and wanted to update you on my current findings and identified areas for development.

During the summer the SEND department at BEA undertook a full audit and combined with your feedback, that I have received so far, this has enabled me to form my initial strategy with regards to moving SEND in the right direction at Bourne End Academy.

The key areas that will be my focus are:

- Further recruitment and specific training of learning support staff.
- Strengthen the early identification provision through use of SEND based assessments.
- Working with the teaching and learning leaders to ensure high quality all staff training on quality first teaching.
- Improve the provision and structure for pre learning to ensure all students can access and be successful in a broad and balanced curriculum.

I do recognise the scope of SEND is far wider, however, I have had to prioritise my key areas. I really do appreciate your engagement and feedback especially with concerns raised, this will only help in improving our provision that we offer. By working together, I truly believe we can support our students with SEND and ensure they reach their full potential.

One key theme that has been raised by many parents is the communication from Buckinghamshire Council regarding updated educational health care plans (EHCP). All plans were updated and submitted following the annual reviews that took place in 2020-21. Unfortunately, County are significantly behind in the process of updating these documents. We will continue to chase this information but I want to give all parents confidence that all our documentation has been completed and is up to date.

Lastly, I would like to invite you to an informal get together at 5pm on Thursday 21st October to meet myself and my team before our guest speaker Professor Amanda Kirby delivers an excellent presentation followed by Q&As focussed on neurodiversity. Please do complete our [event form](#) to indicate your attendance.

Yours faithfully
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