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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: SEND Team Update

We are writing to welcome you back to 'the new normal' at Ivybridge Community College and to share some SEND Team updates with you.

Firstly we would like to congratulate Sally Banfield who has been seconded this year to South Dartmoor Community College as Assistant Principal and also, therefore, to congratulate and welcome Abi Newman who has been seconded into the role of Director of SEND. Many of you will already know Abi for her positive work as SENDCo at Ivybridge.

For your further information please see below our SEND Team roles and responsibilities as points of contact for the coming year:

Rachel Skelley, SEND Administrator
Carol Lindsey, Assistant SENDCo
Clare Strain, Assistant SENDCo
Kim Luscombe, Assistant SENDCo
Kate Kenning, Literacy and EAL Coordinator

Please continue to use the following email address for all queries regarding SEND and to get in touch with any of the aforementioned contacts - send@ivybridge.devon.sch.uk

With regard to our return to the new normal we are making particular provision for our SEND children with needs that make them especially vulnerable during these times with regard to health and/or the wearing of face masks. In order to ensure all staff are aware of any extenuating circumstances and those students who are exempt from wearing masks we will be issuing the National Sunflower Ribbon for these exceptionally vulnerable students to wear on their lanyards provided by the College. Please be aware though that to issue these we would need proof of exemption.

Please also be aware that we will be hosting three SEND Surgeries again this year, however these are likely to be virtual and information will come out later in the term.

Yours faithfully

Amy Pearce
Assistant Principal

Abi Newman
Director of SEND

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