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Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Transformation Programme

Dear Parent/ Carer

Over the last decade and more, the proportion of children and young people who have special educational needs or a disability (SEND) has been increasing. The complexity of those needs has also been increasing. Therefore, The Education Authority aims to do better for all children and young people with SEND.

That is why the Education Authority have decided to establish the SEND Transformation Programme.

The Education Authority SEND Transformation team's aim is to transform services and supports for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities, and their families.

The vision for this programme is that all children and young people with SEND and their families will receive the right support, at the right time to reach their educational goals and get the best possible start in life.

The SEND Transformation Team is continuing its work to deliver positive and lasting change for Northern Ireland's SEND system. That has included developing proposals to reform the EA's SEND support services for pupils at Stage 2 of the Code of



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Practice. They are also currently establishing a direct engagement programme for families, children and young people.

They would now like to invite parents/ carers to attend one of a series of online events regarding a new model of support for children and young people who are at Stage 2 of the SEND Code of Practice (i.e. who do not have a statement of SEN). The new model focuses on providing earlier intervention and making that support easier to access and the intention is that it should be rolled out from September 2024.

A letter will follow from EA, giving further details re online engagement events and inviting you to register for one of these events. We encourage parents/ carers to attend these online events if you can so that you will gain a better understanding of what is happening and also have your say.

Kind regards

Mrs B Wilders (Principal)

Miss J Doherty (SENCo)



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