

**FAO: All DNEAT schools – parents/carers**

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Dear Parent/Carer,

**SEND Funding**

We are writing to inform you of a recent decision by the local authority that affects the funding for special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) provision in your school, others in our Trust and across Norfolk as a whole. As you may have seen in the news, the local authority has announced a reduction in the amount of money that they allocate to schools for supporting children with SEND. This means that there could be fewer resources available for providing the high-quality education and care that children deserve.

We are deeply concerned about this decision and the impact that it could have on your school community. We believe that every child has the right to access the best possible education, regardless of their needs or abilities. We are proud of the work that we do to support our children with SEND, and we value the partnership that we have with you as parents and carers. That is why we are not accepting this decision lightly. Along with other schools and Trusts in the area, we are challenging the local authority to reconsider their plans and to ensure that they fulfil their legal obligations to provide adequate funding for SEND provision. We are also working with local politicians and campaigners to raise awareness of this issue.

We want to reassure you that we will continue to do everything in our power to ensure the very best service that we can offer to our children with SEND. We have a dedicated and experienced team of staff who are committed to meeting the needs of every child in your school. We will also continue to work closely with you as parents and carers, to keep you informed of any developments and to seek your views and feedback on how we can improve our provision.

We appreciate your support and understanding during this challenging time. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us. We are always happy to hear from you and to discuss any issues that you may have.

Yours sincerely,



Oliver Burwood  
CEO, DNEAT