

5th July 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

### **SEND Funding**

We are writing to inform you of a recent decision by the Local Authority (Norfolk County Council) that affects the funding for special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) provision in our school and others in Norfolk. 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 will be fewer resources available for providing the high-quality education and care for the children of Norfolk.

We have grave concerns about this decision and the impact that it could have on our school and our 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 built with you as parents and carers.

Along with the Norfolk Schools Leaders' Association and other schools and trusts in the area, we are asking the Local Authority to reconsider their plans. We want to ensure that they fulfil their legal obligations to provide adequate funding for SEND provision.

While we await a response, 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. Our dedicated and experienced team of staff are committed to meeting the needs of every child in our school. We will also try to keep you informed of any developments.

Your support and understanding during this challenging time is appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully

Helen Kemp

**Headteacher**