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Dear Parents and Carers,

Changes to Our SEND Leadership Team

I am writing to share some news regarding our SEND provision at Ashlands Primary School. At the end of this academic year, our SEND Lead, Mrs Kay Dawson, will be leaving us to continue her professional journey in SEND leadership within a single Multi Academy Trust. This decision has not been made lightly but reflects her desire to pursue a role that provides a more sustainable work-life balance for her and her family.

During her time with us, Kay has made a significant contribution to our school community. Her dedication, expertise and commitment to supporting children and families have had a lasting impact, and she will be greatly missed by staff, pupils and parents alike.

I am pleased to share that we have successfully appointed Lucy Edwards as our new SEND Lead. Lucy brings a wealth of SEND leadership experience and is already a valued member of our Quantock Education Trust team.

Over the past two years, Lucy and Kay have worked closely together across the Trust, and we have already begun a thorough transition process to ensure continuity of support for our children and families. Kay has every confidence that Lucy will continue to lead SEND with the same care, commitment and dedication that our school community values so highly.

Before the end of term, we will be inviting parents and carers to an informal coffee morning where you will have the opportunity to meet both Kay and Lucy, welcome Lucy to the Ashlands community, and learn more about our ongoing SEND provision.

Whilst we are naturally saddened to see Kay leave, we fully support her decision and thank her for everything she has done for Ashlands. I know you will join us in wishing her every success and happiness for the future.

Yours sincerely,



Nicola Ball

Ashlands CofE Primary School