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Dear Parent/Carer,	

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the new ALNCo at St Richard Gwyn Catholic High School. I am new to the borough but not new to education, having taught physical education (mainly) for the past 22 years and holding pastoral responsibility as a 'Head of Year' for 15 of those years. I am very happy to be joining such a well-managed and successful school and I am excited to be leading the implementation of 'The Additional Learning Needs Code for Wales' 2021. This is underpinned by the 'Additional Learning Needs and Education Tribunal (Wales) Act' 2018 and will take effect from 1st January 2022. Should you require any information on either of these proposals, I have attached a parent-friendly leaflet for your reference, which also has some useful websites and links to further information if you require it.

With this in mind, we have already started the process of working towards the new advice and guidance and planning strategically to offer the best support and provision to our young people. What this means for you and your child could be very little if your son/daughter does not need any additional learning provision. For others, I may be in touch within the coming weeks and months to meet you in person and hold a review of your child's existing IEP/statement. Those new to the ALN system may want to contact me to discuss our universal provision and how we plan to meet the needs of your child in the future. Should you require any further information or discussions around Additional Learning Provision at St Richard Gwyn Catholic High School, please don't hesitate to contact me and I will endeavour to return your call within 24 hours.

Yours sincerely,

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Mrs S. Dowd (ALNCo)