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**HEADTEACHER:**

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15<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Dear Parent or Carer,

I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the current SENDCo at Saltash Community School. I joined the School last September and this year I have been pleased to work with the leadership team on working to improve the outcomes of our students with special educational needs and disabilities. If your child has been highlighted as being on the record of need I will have had contact with the primary school to discuss their needs and may have also visited the Primary school before the Covid 19 lockdown measures prevented this.

As a parent myself I know how daunting the transition to secondary school can be, especially if your child has additional needs which may bring increased challenges. The Covid 19 safety measures have meant the supported transition which was planned will need to look different this year and I have sought advice from our partner primaries, educational psychologists and the statutory SEND service to ensure that we can still offer a supported transition for those who need it.

Over the next few weeks the dedicated transition page on our website will be updated with videos and information from myself and Mrs Feldwick who is the transition lead and we encourage all parents to check this page regularly for updates and information.

As parents and carers we recognise that you know your child best and we welcome your insight into your child's needs. We have all the information we need from your child's primary school but would welcome any additional information you can provide via our SEND parent transition form, available on the webpage. This document can be filled in completely or in part and sent to our school reception to build up a richer picture of your child at home as well as at school.

Transition to secondary school is usually a big change for all students but this year may cause some extra challenges as the majority of children have been educated at home due to the pandemic. In order to help get year 6 students back into good school routines I know that many have returned to their primary schools and this will support transition enormously. We know that you may have many questions and we hope to answer these through our frequently asked questions documents and through our videos (all becoming available on the website).



As a school the safety and wellbeing of the students and staff is at the centre of all decisions made and although we cannot be sure of what the return to school will look like in September, we will be acknowledging that some students may need extra support to get into new school routines. Our team are ready to welcome our new cohort and the primaries have been so positive about how genuinely lovely the students are, whilst recognising the support they will need to settle and thrive. We look forward to being able to meet with you as parents, when it is safe to do so.

Kindest regards for a safe few months.

In support,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jen Childs', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jen Childs

SENDCo (Mainstream)  
Associate Leader  
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

