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Dear Parents/carers

I hope you have all had a wonderful Christmas and happy new year. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the new Lead SENDCo and Head of Student Support at Gordano School. I am delighted to be appointed to this role and feel privileged to be part of such a well-established and forward-thinking school.

I have worked in various special educational schools for nearly 19 years as a SENDCo and Assistant Head teacher and prior to that, as a teacher of art. Throughout my experience I have developed a sound knowledge of SEND with a specialism in social, emotional and mental health needs and the behaviours that are often displayed as a form of communication. I am passionate about nurturing and supporting each individual child to achieve their full potential during their time at Gordano school through identifying barriers and implementing the appropriate support.

I am looking forward to building upon the strong foundations already in place for the SEND department built by the dedication of the SEND team and my predecessor over the years. I will be concentrating on familiarising myself with the pupils and their pupil passports, plans and EHCPs during term 3. By the end of term 3 all pupils on the SEND register will have a named member of the SEND team as their key person who will liaise with heads of houses, tutors, teachers and of course yourselves, to ensure we provide the best support and communication. This person will be in contact with you before the end of term 3 and should be your first point of contact. Myself, the Deputy and Assistant SENDCo will of course maintain an overview of each child.

Please contact myself or my team if you have any concerns or would like to discuss your child's provision.

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Best wishes

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