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Dear Parents / carers

I am writing to inform you that Hertfordshire County Council is proposing to adjust the services available for children with Specific Learning Difficulties (SpLD) by 31st August 2018.

THIS MEANS THAT THEY WILL BE CLOSING THE SPLD BASES AND HAVING SPLD SERVICES ACROSS THE COUNTY. SECONDARY SPLD BASES HAVE ALREADY BEEN CLOSED.

As a school we are currently linked to the SpLD base at Laurance Haines which provides us with outstanding support in the following ways:

- Personalised support for individual children helping them to reach their potential
- Personalised resources for individual children
- SPECIALIST TEACHERS supporting class teachers to ensure classrooms are fully inclusive
- Significant amount of training for our teaching and support staff which IMPACTS UPON ALL CHILDREN
- Guidance on resources / strategies to promote learning for all

All of this is achieved swiftly as it is local provision for local schools. By removing the local base, we are concerned that it will take longer for our children to be seen, advice received and barriers to learning removed. Referrals to a central location (as with the Educational Psychologist service) take longer to be picked up thus impact on the swiftness of advice we receive. Our base teacher has already been into the school this half term and several staff have been on training at the base. There will also be a reduced amount of training available to all of our staff.

Even if your child does not currently receive outreach support it is important that you have an opportunity to voice your opinion on the matter. Herts County have put out the proposal for consultation until 20th November 2017. The link below accesses the online form – it takes 5 minutes so please take the time to complete it as it will impact all of the schools in the area.

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/about-the-council/consultations/schools/spld-proposal-to-reconfigure-existing-services-to-schools.aspx#>

Thank you!

Yours sincerely,

Mrs G. Hall
Inclusion Leader