

LONSDALE



AMO/amo

22nd May 2015

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Speech and Language Therapy team within Lonsdale is about to go through several changes at half term. I am firstly thrilled to announce that the SLT service is increasing their time by an additional day a week. This will allow the therapists to continue to establish the 3 tier model of service provision they have been rolling out across the school over the past year.

Cheryl Ford has admirably been working across several schools, and it is now time for us to allow her to focus her time and therefore reduce the number of schools she provides services to. As such, she will be leaving her one day a week at Lonsdale, which will be replaced by 2 days from Lizzie Smith. Lizzie has a strong background in special schools working and is a welcome addition to the service.

Finally, we congratulate Nadine Patterson who has been successful in applying for a more senior role within the Speech and Language Therapy service. The process for finding her replacement has already started and we will let you know who this will be as soon as possible.

To support all these changes, Alex Forsyth, Clinical Lead SLT for complex needs and dysphagia (eating and drinking difficulties), will be providing regular support to the school for the remainder of the academic year, including providing clinical support for some students.

Kind regards

Annemari Ottridge
Headteacher