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Dear Headteachers and SENCo's

Annual survey for Families of children and young people with special education needs or disabilities (SEND)

New Interim Principal Educational Psychologist

EHCP Communication List

We appreciate how busy you are in the journey towards the end of the academic year but we wanted to ensure we shared some SEND updates and the link for our new Survey for families with children and young people with SEND.

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Parent/carer feedback is critical in ensuring services for children and young people with special education needs or disabilities (SEND) and their families is of a high quality and we are driving improvements in the right direction.

To address this Lambeth council has developed an annual survey which gives parents and carers of children and young people with SEND an opportunity to feedback their views about their experiences with their child/children with SEND and the impact of our services from education, health and social care. This is the first time Lambeth council has run this survey and we plan to run it on an annual basis.

We would appreciate school's assistance in distributing this survey to parents and carers of children and young people receiving SEND Support or in receipt of an EHCP.

If parents/carers have more than one child with SEND, we would like them to complete the survey separately for each child.

Parents and carers are not required to provide their name or contact details. Lambeth Council's privacy notice is set out here https://www.lambeth.gov.uk/about-council/privacy-data-protection/privacy-notice

The information received will be used to help us to identify what needs to be improved in the lives of children and young people with SEND and results will be published on the Local Offer webpages to ensure transparency.

Please find the electronic survey at the following link: https://www.lambeth.gov.uk/send-survey-2023

We also offer this survey in different formats which is available upon request via send@lambeth.gov.uk:

- Talking you through the questions and fill your answers in for you over the phone
- A copy in your own language

Many thanks for your help and cooperation in distributing this survey at such a busy time in the school term.

New Interim Principal Educational Psychologist

Thank you for your patience with our Lambeth Educational Psychologist (EP) Service and the issues we have faced with the national recruitment shortage. I would like to take the opportunity to introduce Mike Sutoris who has joined us as an interim Principal Educational Psychologist. Mike previously held the position of Principal Educational Psychologist in Greenwich until his retirement last year, where the EP service has operated a successful and highly regarded traded service for many years.

While we are not yet in a position to reinstate our traded service across the borough, Mike is keen to ensure that every school in Lambeth has access to an Educational Psychology service. Our immediate priority is to create the capacity to offer a service to those schools that have been unable to source a service from another provider. We would ask you to email Mike with an expression of interest if you would like to be considered for a Lambeth EP.

We will continue to update you as this work develops, both in written communication and via the SENCO Network through the Autumn term.

Should you have any questions or require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me, or Mike (MSutoris1@lambeth.gov.uk).

EHCP Team Communication List

We are focused on improving our communication and have included an updated contact list for our Lambeth EHCP team.

Yours sincerely,

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