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All mainstream schools

Dear colleagues

I hope this finds you all well after the bank holiday weekend.

I can now let you know that you will receive confirmation of the bandings and high need funding allocations for your school by the May half term week. You will receive an email with the names of pupils for whom evidence was submitted and the banding allocated. We will ask, as part of the email, that you let us know if any of the listed pupils have left your school or are now dual placed with another setting. Thank you in advance for your attention to this.

As stated in Suffolk Headlines last week, you will now receive funding for these pupils for the autumn (2018), spring and summer (2019) terms. Adjustments will be made where schools have received 70% of funding already for the autumn. As previously shared, this adjustment could represent an increase or a decrease. Please may I remind you that there will be no appeals for these cases.

I look forward now to receiving your evidence submissions for new cases. These are pupils who were not entered for high needs funding in the autumn term 2018. The deadline for submissions, as you are aware, is Friday 17 May. Please do use the new evidence form available on Suffolk Learning and on previous editions of Suffolk Headlines.

We will soon outline the process for the new academic year, 2019/20. I continue to welcome all feedback and discussion with colleagues in schools. It is invaluable in ensuring we devise and implement systems which are as easy as possible to navigate, and which enable us all to fulfil our roles as effectively and as efficiently as possible as advocates of children in Suffolk. This in mind, I will very shortly be advising you of dates in July and September for high needs training and workshops.

Our most sincere and renewed thanks for your support and understanding over recent weeks and months. I look forward to continuing working with you all.

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