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Dear Parent and Carers

May I take this opportunity to welcome you back to the new academic year 2023/2024! It has been wonderful to see all the children back at school and I loved hearing all about their summer adventures. Welcome also, to our new parents and children who have started their school journey with us here at Wittersham. I am really looking forward to getting to know you all!

For those of you I have yet to meet, my name is Stella Coulson and my current working days are Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday in school, and then on Thursday's I work from home. If you wish to contact me at any time or make an appointment to meet with me, my email is scoulson@wittersham.kent.sch.uk and I will always endeavour to get back to you as soon as I can. I can also be contacted on Class Dojo too if that is easier for you. I will be holding a SEND drop in session soon – with plenty of cakes and yummy treats – so keep a look out for upcoming dates on Dojo!

As you may be aware, The Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) Code of Practice came into effect on the 1st of September 2014. This is a graduated approach to SEND where the majority of children's needs should be met through quality first teaching in the classroom and only those with more substantial needs will be placed on the school's SEND register.

Due to the support that your child is currently receiving their name has been added to the school's SEN register, which means their progress will be carefully monitored and targets set accordingly.

In the past, pupils on the SEN register have been under the categories of 'school action' and 'school action plus'. They will all now be listed as 'special educational needs' (SEN). Some children will have been granted an EHCP – Educational Health and Care Plan - and I will contact you when your child's review meeting is approaching.

Kent County Council has published their '**local offer**' which details the support and services you and your child can access in Kent in line with the SEND Code of Practice. This helpful website also contains an array of links and support guidance that you may find beneficial. You can find this information at <https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/special-educational-needs>

Please remember that my door is always open; we work best when we are working together for the success of your children.

Yours sincerely,

Stella Coulson
Inclusion Leader/SENCO

Compassion

Courage

Cooperation

'On a voyage of discovery; learning and growing together in the light of God.'