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**Special Educational Needs and Disabilities**  
**SEND Reforms from September 2014**

Dear Parent/Carer

As some of you may be aware, there are a number of changes taking place surrounding the area of Special Educational Needs from September 2014. The new SEND reforms are all centred around a co-production approach, where we all work together to ensure that your child's needs are being met.

Other changes taking place involve pupils who were regarded as School Action and School Action Plus on the SEND Register. These students will now be classified as having SEND support unless they are receiving no specific or alternative provision, in which case, following a review, they will be removed from the SEND register and placed on a monitoring list. From September 2014, Individual Education Plans (IEPs) are no longer statutory. Whilst some schools may continue with IEPs, we have made the decision to replace them with 'Student Passports'. These are much more student centred and in keeping with the new SEND Code of Practice. Any parents of students who this will concern will be given more details in the very near future.

There will also be some movement on the register regarding students who are on it purely for behavioural issues. These students will no longer come under the umbrella of SEND. However, students with social, emotional and mental health issues may be moved on to the SEND register after discussion with parents and students.

I do firmly believe that these changes will greatly benefit our students at Hodgson Academy and enable the Student Services department to continue to deliver outstanding levels of support. These changes encompass a very student centred approach to Special Educational Needs, an approach that we share here at Hodgson Academy.

I am aware that these changes may not necessarily concern your son/daughter but if you would like any further details on these changes please feel free to contact me via email at [m.abberley@hodgson.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:m.abberley@hodgson.lancs.sch.uk)

There is also some information on our website regarding our 'offer' for SEND students.

Yours sincerely

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