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Dear parents and carers

Changes and Up-Dates to our Learning Support Faculty

We hope you have enjoyed a positive start to the new school term as much as we have.

We write to you today to update you on some changes to our **Learning Support Faculty** and ensure you have the correct contact information should you have queries or questions regarding your young person.

As some of you may be aware, the absence of key staff did impact on us in the Autumn Term, most notably on the availability of **Teaching Assistants**. We all value the important role they undertake and it is understandable where this has led to questions about levels of support for students. In response, the timetables have been completely rearranged for the Spring Term to provide as much as support as possible across a week. Teaching Assistants at our school are predominantly based in classrooms, and some undertake one-to-one and small-group supporting roles as well. We are also [advertising for additional staff to join the Faculty](#) and will provide further details once we have appointed a suitable candidate, as we continue to strive to do the best for our students.

Mrs Emptage has also recently been appointed as **Learning Support Co-Ordinator**. This is a new role, and a vital one to support the management of the Learning Support Faculty. Mrs Emptage will be a regular point of contact for families in response to queries regarding additional needs. She has previously worked as a Teaching Assistant and is already enjoying her new role supporting students with her wealth of experience within the department, in a different way!

Mrs Emptage, Learning Support Co-ordinator – bem@carringtonschool.org

Mrs Maddox has recently been appointed as **Interim SENCo**. She will be familiar to many of you as a member of the PE and Dance Department, and Assistant Head of Year 10. Last term, Mrs Maddox completed a number of Annual Reviews with students and parents/carers, and is now fully embracing her new post. Over the coming weeks, she will contact you in conjunction with Heads of Year to discuss and support you and your young person as fully as possible.

Mrs Maddox, Interim SENCo – bma@carringtonschool.org



If you have any further questions or queries around these new arrangements do not hesitate to contact me. I thank you in advance for your patience as we navigate through these encouraging changes.

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