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Dear Parent/ Carer,

We are writing to inform you of a change that is happening within the school in the form of an exciting new development. We are looking to open a specialist provision called The Hub at Laithes to support children with additional learning needs. Laithes prides itself on being an inclusive learning environment for all and we want everyone to have the education they deserve.

Please find below some more information

Who will be attending?

- 12 children from across Barnsley who are of primary school age, who are needing smaller, quieter and calmer environment that can provide a higher level of adult support and a curriculum built around them.

Where will the children be learning?

- We are converting the old nursery classroom into a specifically designed classroom which will have all the resources and equipment the children will need. They may access playtimes, dinnertimes and some lessons in mainstream when appropriate. They will also have their own outdoor space to play.

Who will be supporting them?

- There is a team of staff that will be supporting them in the class room comprising of a teacher, HLT and teaching assistants.

How will they get to school?

- The children will either be brought by Barnsley LA local transport or parents may choose to bring them. Their school hours will be different to allow for a less busy start to the day for the children and will attend 8.30-3.00pm. This will allow for transport to drop off and pick up before the main site becomes busy.

How will this impact the rest of school and my child's learning?

- The addition of this specialist SEN unit should have limited impact on your child, if at all. At Laithes we aim to develop an inclusive and tolerant environment for all, with people attending from all backgrounds. Children in The Hub, may access some parts of the school day but the majority of the time they will be in their own classroom completing their own learning.

Who can I contact to discuss this further?

- If you have any questions or queries about The Hub please contact Mrs Georgina Fletcher – Head teacher of Laithes Primary, Mrs Hayley Gunn – Deputy Headteacher and SENCO of Laithes Primary or Miss Lindsey Waugh – Lead for Specialist provisions at ECM trust.