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Dear Parents

**Barnet Children’s Integrated Therapy Services in Mapledown**

We hope you are all well and that your children have settled into this new albeit unusual academic year. In light of COVID 19, the CIT have had to look carefully at how we can best support children, school and families while keeping everyone safe. We have implemented a clear NELFT wide protocol to providing support and intervention through a blended approach of using video contact where possible and face to face contact where clinically indicated in order to limit contact time with your children and thus reducing the risk to your children and staff Where we have had to carry out face to face contact all therapists have worn the appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for the type of intervention carried out.

There are several therapists moving in or out of our service. I would like to take this opportunity to share an update on therapy service in Mapledown.

Occupational Therapy

Aneesa Merali went on maternity leave last week. Jennifer Yip, Occupational Therapist, will provide support to Mapledown in order to ensure there is no gap in the OT service in the school. Aneesa has completed a handover meeting with Jennifer.

Physiotherapy

Mohini Talsania, physiotherapist, will continue working in Mapledown.

Speech and Language Therapy

Speech and language Therapists Tara McWeeney and Yetty Meadows will continue to work in Mapledown. Children with dysphagia needs will be supported by Tara as well as Katie Sheridan and Claire Turner.

Integrated Therapy Assistants

Mary Kelly, Integrated Therapy Assistant, will continue to support therapy service and provision in Mapledown.

Yours sincerely,

Marion Neuman & Claire Turner

Clinical team Leads, Children’s Integrated Therapies