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Dear Parent/Carer

### **SEND Update**

I am pleased to confirm that we have appointed Melanie King as our new SENCO commencing in January 2017.

Melanie's passion for SEN was plain to see during the interview process and she comes to us with a wide range of experience in various schools. She is delighted to join Wilmington Academy and work with our students and parents and enjoy the benefits of the Leigh Academies Trust collaboration.

Melanie will be assisted by Sarah Shead who recently completed her PAPAA award (level 7 Access Arrangements) and has began her SENCO award.

During the interim period, we have appointed an interim SENCO to work with the Academy for module 2. Babs O' Hara is a fully trained SENCO specialist and provides the Academy with a wealth of experience and knowledge to the SEND role.

To further strengthen the SEND Team, we have advertised for another Teacher Assistant to start in January.

Yours faithfully



**Mike Gore**  
Associate Principal