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Dear Parents and Carers,

A new nursing service from Kent Community Health NHS Foundation Trust will be working in collaboration with your child's school The Beacon School, which LAT fully supports, to make sure children with complex health needs can access their education.

The nurse works with families and partnership agencies to support and empower school staff and make sure they are appropriately trained and competent for students to access school safely. Therefore we will be building on the current training being delivered at The Beacon School and increasing the capacity of staff to support / care for your child while in school.

For those students with complex medical needs, the nurse will complete a full assessment and identify any clinical tasks that need the school staff to be trained and competency assessed for. If your child's health declines or there is a period of absence from school, the nurse will update the assessment so we can prepare for the student's safe return to school.

The nurse provides core training to school staff, which gives them an awareness of general conditions such as asthma, anaphylaxis and epilepsy. The nurse will provide bespoke training and competency assessments to meet the specific needs of your child via an emergency plan to those who are directly caring for them while in school. This also includes any emergency protocols so your child receives the support quickly.

The nurses work alongside the school staff until they are confident and competent in the skill required to care for your child.

The nurses will also be working with the school to build upon the safe processes around your child's health including medicines management and emergency plans.

The nurses in the Beacon are Claire Gregory and Jenni Kennard; we look forward to working within the school. Claire and Jenni will be working in partnership with the school staff. Please contact us by email: kentchft.beacon.schoolnurse@nhs.net

Please find enclosed leaflets about the service. A number of engagement sessions are planned so you can meet the team who will be able to answer any questions you may have in regards to the new service.

Chair John Goulston Chief Executive Paul Bentley

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If you would like to be sent the links to these meetings, please email us on the school nurse email - kentchft.beacon.schoolnurse@nhs.net and we will send you the link.

As with every partnership agreement, there will be changes as we develop together, but such changes will be driven by the fact that we wish to develop the future of our nursing provision for the children and families at The Beacon School.

If you have any questions before then, please contact the Team Lead Rebecca Lee on: 0300 790 0283

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Heidi Payne".

Heidi Payne Lead Nurse
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