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Dear Parents/Carers

From September 2018, the Learning Development Centre will be relocating into the main school building and we will be changing the way we work to support your child.

In order to provide a more bespoke education we are moving towards a support programme where pupils will be supported in much smaller groups, with many more pupils receiving individual support from an expanded team of staff in the LDC. The support offered by the department will be focussed on targeting the needs that have been identified for your child in their EHCP, educational psychologist's report and/or additional assessments which have been carried out within school. These needs have already been identified in their Individual Education Plan (IEP) which will form the basis of the support they will receive. Support will be available for your child across the full range of the curriculum and they will also receive targeted support for specific elements of learning where a need has been identified (e.g. reading, handwriting, spelling, numeracy etc).

If you have a child currently in years 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 who is receiving support from the Learning Development Centre, then our existing arrangements of group lessons and a fee of £720 per term will continue to apply for them. Similarly, if you have a child in our current year 5 or below they will remain on the deals already agreed, until they move into year 7. If you currently have a child in year 6 then the new system of banded support, as explained below will come into force in September 2018 for all those who require Learning Development Centre support. Our new system of support now also allows parents to access bespoke support for 6th form pupils if they wish to, based on the banding structure outlined below.

For pupils currently in Year 6 and below we are moving to a banded fee structure based around a system of individual support in September which is summarised in the table below:

| Band | Summary | Fee |
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| A | No additional support required beyond what might be considered to be "reasonable adjustment" for the teaching and learning of a pupil with a mild, specific learning need | No additional fee. |
| B | Pupil will benefit from additional one-to-one work to support a specific learning need | £720 per term Pupils will receive one 1:1 lesson per week. Exam support included in fee. |

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| C | Pupil will benefit from additional one-to-one work to support a specific learning need | £895 per term Pupils will receive two 1:1 lessons per week. Exam support included in fee. |
| D | Pupils with an EHCP. The EHCP will specify the support required for each pupil. | £1095 per term plus additional charges that may be identified in the EHCP. Pupils will receive three 1:1 lessons per week. Pupils will be supported in accordance with the agreed content of the EHCP. Exam support included in fee. |

The fees laid out above include the cost of all exam access arrangements, including the provision of readers, scribes and separate invigilators. Most schools will charge extra for these arrangements.

Full diagnostic and Educational Psychologist assessments can be arranged by the department and there will be an extra charge for these; details can be obtained from Ms Bateman.

To allow parents to appreciate the excellent value for money that Kingsley's LDC offers, some figures for the support offered in other CRESTeD registered schools (Council for the Registration of Schools Teaching Dyslexic Pupils: <http://www.crested.org.uk/>) are listed below (all figures from school websites and correct as of March 2018):

| School name | Additional charges (all charges shown are for a Year 9 day pupil) |
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| Kingsley School (2018-19 figures) | Band A = £4220 per term Band B = £4940 per term Band C = £5115 per term Band D = £5315 per term External exam support and scribing = included in band fee |
| Clayesmore School, Dorset (2017-18 figures) | Band 1 = £8740 per term plus £710 Band 2= £8740 per term plus £1035 Band 3= £8740 per term plus £1490 Band 4= £8740 per term plus £2130 External exam support and scribing = £49 per hour |
| More House School, Surrey (2017-18 figures) | Basic fee = £4973 per term Green Band = £5444 per term Red Band = £5977 per term |

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It continues to be our aim to support your child within the school curriculum, working closely with subject teachers to ensure that they can thrive and continue to achieve their full potential at Kingsley School. Individual letters will be sent to all parents whose children are currently in receipt of LDC support suggesting our recommended Band for your children.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further questions.

Yours sincerely



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