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Dear Parents and Carers

New Parent Support Adviser (PSA)

I am delighted to let you know that, commencing this week, we will be joined every Friday afternoon (12.30 – 3.30 pm) by Mrs Michelle Draisey, who has agreed to be our new Parent Support Adviser (PSA). For the remainder of the week, Mrs Draisey's role is SEND and Inclusion Manager at All Cannings Primary School.

Mrs Draisey will be available to be contacted by parents throughout the week (her telephone number is detailed below) and will be in school to talk to face to face, by appointment, on Friday afternoons. Whilst in school she will also be supporting class teachers, hearing children read, carrying out Emotional Literacy Support Assistant (ELSA) activities, etc.

Excitingly, Mrs Draisey will also be bringing along her specially trained Therapy Dog. Kizzy, a Labradoodle, has worked extensively and highly successfully alongside Mrs Draisey for three years at All Cannings School. She is completely used to the school environment and brings an additional and very beneficial dimension to Mrs Draisey's work with children.

I do appreciate that some children and parents may have reservations about Kizzy's presence in school and I would encourage you to contact myself or Mrs Ashby, our SENCO, to discuss any concerns you may have. I would also like to reiterate that Kizzy is a specially trained Therapy Dog and will come into school following necessary risk assessments and is insured to be in school and working alongside the children. Our school does still remain a dog free site otherwise.

The role of the Parent Support Adviser (PSA)

The PSA role is an impartial and non-judgmental service which offers flexibility and support. Whether it's a listening ear...I need some information on...My child is struggling with...I am worried about...I am going through a separation I need help with...

Communication is paramount and Mrs Draisey will be here to help support parents where at times this has broken down, the home-school- link helps to ensure we are all working together for the best outcome for the family.

Additionally, she will be able to offer support with school attendance, school transition, parenting, help with behaviour, signposting to other agencies, home visits, budgeting, routines...

If you need support, please contact Mrs Draisey: Tel: 07881 361305

Self- referrals can be made directly to Mrs Draisey, or they can come through school via the Headteacher, SENCO or Class-Teacher.

I am sure that over the coming weeks you will all become familiar with Mrs Draisey, and most likely Kizzy, in school and I hope you'll join me in making them both very welcome. Please do give Mrs Draisey a call, or pop in to see her if you need her support or advice.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Brewis', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mrs Sarah Brewis

Headteacher