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Dear Parent/Carer

At Brandles we believe that every young person, through access to a great education, should be provided with the opportunities to succeed in life, regardless of their circumstances.

That is why is why we are expanding the number of places available at Brandles. As laid out in the Hertfordshire Special School Place Planning Strategy 2020-2023 document (available on our website) there is increasing demand for SEMH specialist provision.

The expansion has involved months of planning that has included securing capital funding, recruiting staff, building and equipping new classrooms in order to facilitate the increase of pupil numbers. I am delighted to say that we are now in position to fully open the newly built classrooms.

Operationally this allows us to split the Year 9 Silver class into 2 forms. This means that we are moving for the first time in the school's history to a 2-form entry for every year group. There are several benefits to doing this, none more so than every pupil being provided education in their correct age groups.

From Tuesday, 3rd May, we will be implementing a new timetable. This will not affect the majority of pupils and their current class groups. The biggest change will be for our current Year 9 pupils who will be moving into two groups from their current class. All the changes will be communicated to pupils next week via, tutor time, social stories and assemblies.

This is an exciting time for Brandles School and the Trust as a whole. The Trust's vision is to be the best provider of outstanding provision for special needs pupils in the country and we believe the changes we are making are the best approach to realising this vision.

If you have any questions regarding the changes outlined above, please email me directly or call the school and I'll be happy to discuss.

Yours faithfully,

Mr I Reid
Deputy Headteacher