



Beam County Primary School
Oval Road North, Dagenham, Essex, RM10 9ED.

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Dear Parent/Carers,

Speech and Language Therapist Update

As you may be aware, after ten years of working with Beam, our private Speech and Language Therapist - Ed Hooke, retired at the end of the last academic year.

To ensure that we continue to offer a high level of support for our pupils at Beam and their parents, we would like to introduce Aqila Khan, who has been newly appointed as a private Speech and Language therapist at Beam.

Aqila has extensive experience in speech and language therapy, working across schools in different boroughs. She has experience of working for the NHS and within the private sector.

Currently Aqila is working through the existing caseload of pupils and is reviewing reports and recommendations to decide the best course of action moving forward:

- Some children will be being discharged due to the progress they have made and/or the report recommendations.
- Some children will require continued support
- Others will require a review to ascertain their individual next step, where speech and language support is concerned.

You will be contacted if your child requires a review or has been discharged from Speech and Language Therapy.

We continue to work with teachers when there is a concern for a child's speech and language development and encourage parents to speak with teacher in the first instance if there is a worry at home. Collaboratively, we will then work together if a referral is needed.

Thank you for your continued and ongoing support.

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