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Dear Colleague

You may recall that this time last year, we advised you that we were piloting a method of granting additional SEN funding to support children and young people in education in three specific circumstances. The details of this are repeated below and are found on the front of the request form:

NB: This is currently a pilot from 1/4/18 to 31/3/19 and impact will be reviewed before this is mainstreamed. There are 3 circumstances in which we would expect this request to be made:

1. Moved-in students where the information received may not be in the form of a statutory EHCP so they will be placed in their local mainstream school. Needs may be very quickly identified and a speedy response is required from the LA to support the school whilst assessment takes place. NB: This is only situation where an EHCAR may also be submitted if there are long term significant needs.
2. Transitional support. High needs are identified at transitions (likely to be phase transitions) where the student requires additional support over and above the notional SEN allocation in order to successfully make that transition. No submission of EHCAR.
3. High needs that are time limited – such as those resulting from emotional trauma, significant life events or medical issues. Additional support over and above the notional SEN allocation is identified to support the child through that period and return them to the same level of access to education as previously. No Submission of EHCAR

Please note – if a child has significant and long term difficulties that you expect to result in a long term SEN then we would expect you to submit an EHCAR. For groups 2 & 3 we do NOT expect to receive an EHCAR. This is for situations where you expect that with some short term additional funding, the child would be maintained longer term within the Notional SEN funding available.

If it is agreed that E3 funding is required, in addition to the E2 funding being utilised, this will be a maximum of £3,000 pa at a non-statutory level.

All parts of this form need to be completed before submission to; sen@northyorks.gov.uk.

As we are nearing the end of the pilot funding period, we will not accept any funding requests for support or packages after the Easter holidays 2019 – this includes transition requests for next academic year.

We have so far allocated funding to 66 young people with 5 still being processed. Early indications are that this has been a successful pilot and has supported children and young people as hoped.

Many of the requests were for 2 terms of funding from September 18 through to the end of the Spring term. For each approved funding request we have asked for a monitoring form to be returned so that we can evaluate the impact of the pilot and decide whether this should be an ongoing funding option going forward. We cannot make that decision without the monitoring forms so please can I urge you that **if you HAVE received funding, PLEASE can the monitoring form be returned as soon as possible** at the end of the spring term.

We will be in touch again once we have evaluated the impact and decided whether this funding will be maintained. In the meantime, please do not submit requests for funding for after Easter 2019 as the pilot will end at that time.

Kind regards



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