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Dear Parents/Carers,

This is a follow up letter on the communications regarding the SENDIA (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Inclusion Award) that we are pursuing at Springfield. As you may recall, we first informed you about this at the start of the academic year when the initial questionnaire was completed and again via our letter sent home on 1st November, which is also available on our website. From the latest questionnaires, a few responses have stated that they were not aware of the award, so we are following up to ensure everyone has the information.

The SENDIA Award is designed to support schools in enhancing the quality of education for children with special educational needs and disabilities. It focuses on creating an inclusive environment where every child can thrive, regardless of their individual challenges. Through this award, we aim to ensure that Springfield continues to be a welcoming and accessible place for all our students.

We have been actively working on our current practice as well as new initiatives to improve our practices and provision in line with the award's criteria so that our children have the best possible experience at Springfield. This has included staff training sessions, embedding tailored support plans for our children, and fostering stronger partnerships with parents and external agencies.

We believe collaboration is key to our success and welcome your input via the questionnaires you have completed. A big THANK YOU for those of you who have already completed and returned the questionnaires and as a token of appreciation you will be entered into a ballot for an Easter Egg. There is still time to be entered into the ballot, please ask your child's class teacher for a questionnaire.

We would also like to encourage you to remain engaged in this process as your feedback and suggestions are invaluable to us, and we would love to hear your thoughts on how we can better support your child. If you have any questions or would like to discuss this in detail, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. The termly POP meetings with class teachers for all parents of children with SEND will take place in the coming weeks and this is your opportunity to work together on targets for your child.

As always, we thank you for your continued support as we strive to create an inclusive environment and achieve the SENDIA Award. Together, we can make a significant difference in the lives of our children.

Your sincerely,

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