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Dear families of children in the LAN Centre

I am writing with news of the decision about the future of the LAN Centre. The LAN Centre will remain open for a further year and its future will then be reviewed again. This means that you children will remain in the LAN Centre this year and the academic year 2026-2027.

As you may be aware, the Children's Wellbeing and Schools' Bill has been delayed going through parliament. One of the implications of this is that Surrey County Council are waiting for confirmation of plans for improving services for children with Special Education Needs and Disabilities and changes to the LAN centre at Darley Dene would be part of that. We have held conversations with representatives from the local authority and jointly agreed to wait before making further decisions.

I hope that this letter gives you the assurance you need for the next academic year and I thank you all for your patience whilst we have awaited the outcome, clarification and some further guidance.

I wish you and your families a happy Christmas if you are celebrating and a positive, restful break from school for everyone.

Yours sincerely

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