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Dear Parent Carer

I am the Parent Carer Liaison lead for the Parent Carer Council (PACC) Shropshire. PACC will be visiting Albrighton Primary School on Wednesday 10th July 2-3pm to meet with Parent Carers as an introduction to developing a Parent Carer Forum within your school. This is part of a national project called the Partnership for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools. The aim of the project is to improve the school experience of neurodivergent children and young people and their parent carers, ensuring that their health and wellbeing are effectively supported.

PACC is a local parent carer forum and promotes the participation of parent carers in the planning and delivery of services for children and young people (0-25 years) with disabilities or additional needs in Shropshire. We provide a range of information and support for SEND families in Shropshire.

Before my visit, I would like to introduce myself and my colleagues. My name is Simone Goward. I have two sons, the younger of which is now 18 and has Down Syndrome. He attended a mainstream nursery and primary school in North Shropshire before joining Severndale Specialist Academy in Year 6. He now attends Derwen College, a specialist college for young people with special needs and disabilities.

My colleague Sarah Thomas is also a parent carer of 5 sons, all of whom are neurodivergent and are aged from 12 to 26 years. Her youngest son is diagnosed with ADHD, clinical anxiety and sensory processing disorder. He recently moved to the Keystone Academy after a challenging time in mainstream school.

My other colleague, Denise Glover, has 3 daughters aged 18 to 28 years. Her middle daughter is 24 and has had a diagnosis of Myalgic Encephalomyelitis (ME) since she was 14 when she had to attend part time education. Her youngest daughter has Down Syndrome and attended mainstream primary and secondary school successfully. She now attends Walford college and from September will be attending Derwen Specialist College.

Yours sincerely,

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