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Dear Parents and Carers,

**Re: Update on Barnet Children's Integrated Therapy (CIT) in Northway**

I hope you had an enjoyable break. I am writing to update you on therapy provision at Northway school.

**Occupational Therapy (OT)**

Thank you once again for your patience as we recruited to our OT team, we are really pleased to be able to share good news with regards to staffing. Fatima Esfandi will continue to deliver OT provision for children at Northway school one day per week (Fridays), alternating between Mill Hill and Grasvenor sites. Occupational Therapist Megan Meier, a permanent member of staff who has recently been recruited to the service, will also provide OT to children at Northway half a day per week during the spring term.

**Speech and Language Therapy (SLT)**

I am pleased that after February half term we will be fully staffed for SLT. I understand it has been very difficult for families and school staff during our period of recruitment and thank you for your ongoing support. Alanna Gilmore, SLT will continue to work at Northway one day per week on a Friday and is allocated to Penguins, Zebras, Hippos and Tigers classes. After February half term the remaining classes will be allocated to Speech and Language Therapists Ilyeh Nahdi and Puja Fulman. Ilyeh will provide 2 days of SLT, and Puja 1 day of SLT. Support for children with eating and drinking difficulties (dysphagia) continues to be provided by me (Claire Turner SLT).

**Physiotherapy (PT)**

Anita William continues to provide physiotherapy input to the children on her caseload on a fortnightly basis, as required, on a Tuesday.

**Integrated Therapy Assistant (ITA)**

Samia Merchant, ITA works with and supports the therapy team on a Friday under their direction and supervision.

Please be aware that we offer a programme of universal support for parents and school staff which can be found on our new website at the following link: [Parental Advice and Support \(whittington.nhs.uk\)](https://parentaladviceandsupport.whittington.nhs.uk).

If you would like to get in touch with any of the therapy team, please use the email address/telephone number above and your message will be forwarded to the relevant professional.

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If you have any questions or concerns about therapy provision in special schools, you can contact me on [claireturner3@nhs.net](mailto:claireturner3@nhs.net)

Yours Sincerely,



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