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Dear

Please find attached the current arrangements for the Team around the Child assessments, formerly known as the Common Assessment Framework.

Please also find an attachment outlining the new arrangements for the Team around the Child assessments (TAC). These new arrangements will be implemented from 4th October 2011.

I am aware that there has been some confusion around both the current and proposed arrangements. I apologise for this but would ask all our partner agencies to support us in this transition stage to the new arrangements. As you know the new arrangements have been compiled following extensive consultation with all agencies and with the assistance of our school leaders employed for this task. They have been extremely helpful in shaping our proposals.

In addition I would urge all professionals to take advantage of the briefing sessions established for the new process. The schedule of visits is attached.

Children's Services will use this as an opportunity for staff in integrated teams to clarify their roles and the services they will provide as outlined in the new outstanding schools services directory.

We would encourage Head Teachers to identify relevant staff within their schools to attend with the aim of greater distribution of capacity to lead TAC processes and therefore lessen burdens on them. All Head Teachers should attend if possible and they should be asked to identify and specify at least one more colleague to access the briefings e.g. Members of Senior Management teams/SENCO/Nursery teachers/pastoral staff.

The sessions will also provide an opportunity for multi-agency networking.

Professional Advisor for Schools will be attending the briefings.

If you have any queries about this communication please contact the Principal Practitioner

Yours sincerely

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