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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We're pleased to inform you that our Advocacy Team is offering free online upskilling sessions focused on navigating disability benefits for students, including those attending Special Educational Needs (SEN) schools, colleges, and other supportive organizations. These sessions are designed to provide guidance on the Disability Living Allowance (DLA) for children and the Personal Independence Payment (PIP), covering the transition from DLA to PIP as your child approaches 16. We will also discuss Access to Work, which provides additional support for students moving into employment after secondary education.

These sessions will be held online via Microsoft Teams, with details provided in the attached PDF. Each session includes time for a Q&A segment, allowing you to ask questions specific to your family's needs.

We understand the impact that changes in benefits at age 16 can have on family finances. Forest Moor is actively building relationships with the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) to support our families with clear and accurate information to help navigate this process.

In addition, we plan to hold further meetings and discussions at school in the future. Please watch for invitations to these events, where we'll provide additional information and resources to support your family during these transitions.

We hope you find these sessions helpful, and we look forward to seeing you there.

Kind regards and best wishes,

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