

Special arrangements for SEND pupils in relation to COVID-19.-

Following the closure of schools from the 23rd March 2020 Government guidelines stated:

Vulnerable children include those who have a social worker and those children and young people up to the age of 25 with education, health and care (EHC) plans.

Those with an EHC plan should be risk-assessed by their school in consultation with the local authority (LA) and parents, to decide whether they need to continue to be offered a school or college place in order to meet their needs, or whether they can safely have their needs met at home. This could include, if necessary, carers, therapists or clinicians visiting the home to provide any essential services. Many children and young people with EHC plans can safely remain at home.

In order to ensure that our pupils with EHC plans are supported we have consulted families with regards to whether or not their child needs to attend school. We have ensured that the expectations for work being done at home is understood and that pupils can access the work being set by school staff. As a school we are undertaking weekly check ins to ensure that pupils outcomes are kept at the forefront and that their emotional needs are being met. Work set by class teachers takes in to account the needs of the pupils in their classes and is consolidating on past learning not teaching new learning. For some children additional work is sent home to support their specific needs, including speech and language resources provided by the school speech and language therapist.

Parents of SEND pupils may require our support at this time and the messaging facilities on Dojo and Tapestry allow for private conversations to be had between staff and parents. The SENCO (Miss Holyoak) can be reached on Dojo, through a phone call to school or the school email spsheadteacher@brigshawtrust.com.

We are aware some of our pupils with SEND will need a supported and differentiated transition back into school after this period at home once the government begins to reduce restrictions and a plan will be available following these guidelines. We will work with families on an individual basis to make sure this is correct for the child and in line with advice from the government.

We are aware that the transition period for our pupils with SEND has been greatly affected by the current situation and we continue to work alongside our nursery and secondary colleagues to ensure that the information needed is shared. As the summer term progresses we will begin to send out transition style material that will endeavour to support all our pupils at this transitional time.

Resources that support our pupils' emotional and social development during this unprecedented time have been shared on class dojo and following welfare phone calls by staff and the welfare team additional information is sent to families as needed. We will continue to assess this and share key information to support our families on class dojo as we get them.

External agencies will only become involved if necessary following the usual graduated response process detailed above.

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