

Update to SEN Information Report in light of Covid-19

What are the entitlements of children with SEND when schools are closed due to coronavirus?

During school closure we are operating an on-site provision for the children of key workers and vulnerable children. Children with Education, Care and Health Plans (EHCP) are deemed to be vulnerable and are therefore able to come to school if it is agreed by their parents and the school to be in their best interests and safe to do so. A risk assessment will be carried out to help determine if their needs are best met at home or school.

Other children with SEND but without an EHCP are expected to stay at home, unless they have a parent who is a key worker or they have a social worker. In some circumstances it may be agreed that it is in the child's best interests to come to school.

My child has an EHCP. Does he/she have to come to school?

There will be no penalties for families who choose to keep their children at home at the moment. We will continue to keep in regular contact with families to provide them with the information they need to make their decision.

My child has an EHCP, how will the school support his/her learning

If your child is attending school, it is important to note that we will not be providing a full curriculum and the provision will not be fully in line with the EHCP. This is due mainly to social distancing measures but also because we are operating with only a few members of staff so activities are restricted. There are no specialists visiting school to provide therapy. We will be providing more formal learning in the morning and a range of activities such as gardening, cooking and art in the afternoon. One to one support will continue to be provided where it is part of the child's agreed provision on their EHCP. A member of the Inclusion team is in school every day, so there will always be someone here who knows your child really well.

For children at home we will work together to provide a more individualised curriculum. We will keep in regular contact via email, phone and video calls to give additional support. The local authority is providing additional information and resources which can be found on the local offer www.barnetlocaloffer.org.uk

My child does not have an EHCP, how will the school support his/her learning?

If your child is at home, the class teacher will provide daily home learning. This will include differentiated English and maths tasks and practical activities which are accessible to all children. The Inclusion team will also be providing weekly home learning based around a story. The local authority is providing additional information and resources which can be found on the local offer www.barnetlocaloffer.org.uk

My child is due an annual review. What will happen now?

Annual reviews will continue but will be carried out remotely. We will speak to you first about how this will be managed.

What happens when the school starts to re-open?

For children with EHCPs, we will contact you individually to plan how to reintegrate your child back into school. Other children with SEND will be able to return to school with their classes. A reintegration plan can be made if your child needs one and we will offer as much additional support as we can to help settle them back into school. We will send out information as we receive it.

Throughout this time, we will keep in regular contact with families and will do our very best to support you and your child. Please contact us if you need any other help or information.

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