

SEND Covid-19 Addendum

Due to the coronavirus outbreak and additional safety measures needed, some amendments may be made to the supported offered to pupils with SEND. Wherever possible, it is expected that planned provision (for example interventions specified in a My Plan or My Plan+) will continue to take place. Pupils with an EHCP will continue to have the provision specified in their plan. However, the way the provision is delivered may need to be adapted:

- Where a pupil has 1-1 sessions which require close contact, the staff member will, wherever possible, avoid close face to face contact and minimise the time spent within 1m. If it is not possible to avoid face to face contact and/or to minimise the contact time, the member of staff **may** wear PPE (such as face shields, protective shields). We understand this may cause some anxiety and therefore steps will be taken to help reduce this. This may be through social stories or having the opportunity to handle the PPE in a relaxed environment beforehand.
- To avoid mixing 'bubbles' some group interventions may not be able to run or may need to be adapted to ensure that only pupils from the same class bubble are part of the group. The size of the group, or the frequency of the activity, may need to be reduced.
- Some interventions may have to be carried out less frequently, to take into account reduced availability of working space or staff members. Parents will be made aware of those interventions that are unable to take place or those that have needed to be adapted. Provision and suitable resources may be given in order to meet these needs at home.
- Littledean C of E Primary School will continue to use assess the needs of all pupils and those that require a MyPlan/MyPlan+ will be reviewed termly or annually for EHCPs. These meetings will be take place between the SENCO, assessment co-ordinator, head teacher and class teacher. For formal reviews, in-person meetings will be avoided where possible, discussions will be held via remote means (e.g. telephone calls, video conferencing). Paper copies of plans will be avoided: plans to be shared electronically (via email). Due to this reason, we ask that all contact details are up to date.
- Professionals from outside agencies will continue to be involved in supporting pupils in the school, but meetings will be held remotely wherever possible. Direct observations or assessments will only be carried out in school if strictly necessary and risk assessments will need to be completed both by the school and the agency visiting.

- Should a child with an additional need, need to self-isolate, they will be contacted by the class teacher or SENCO to discuss how individual targets can be met at home. Resources will be provided through email where possible.

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