

Special arrangements 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 children with EHC plans are supported, we have consulted with families in regards to whether or not their child needs to attend school according to their need profile. We have ensured that support is given for work being done at home and that families can access the learning being set by school staff. This is delivered for families who don't have access to a printer. As a school, we are undertaking weekly checks to ensure that children's outcomes are kept at the forefront and that their emotional needs are being met so that they continue to thrive. Learning set by class teachers takes in to account the needs of the children in their classes and is open-ended in nature to allow full engagement and exploration – high challenge, low threat.

We recognise that parents and carers of SEND children may require our support at this time. The SENCO can be reached at susan.dickinson@sgmail.org.uk

As the summer term progresses we will begin to send out transition style material that will endeavour to support all our children and their needs at this transitional time.

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

Children in Reception will be invited to attend school from 1st June along with keyworker and vulnerable groups. In order to maintain safety for all parties in self-care and in terms of lowered capacity at this time, staff will not be permitted to physically support children using the Team Teach methods outlined in Positive Handling Plans, unless this is clearly stated in their EHCP. If a child requires this level of support, parents will be called to support. Similarly, staff will not be permitted to support children with personal and intimate care should toileting needs occur while they are at school, unless the child has an Intimate Healthcare Plan in place and / or it is written into a child's EHCP at which point staff will adopt the use of PPE. If additional children require personal care while they are at school, parents will be called to assist.