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SEND AMENDMENT COVID-19 MAY 2020

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Provision for Students with SEND during School Closure due to Covid-19

Students with EHCPs

During this period of school closure we will do our best to ensure that all students have access to a wide and varied curriculum and to the support they need continue to make progress, stay safe and feel happy.

Current legislation regarding EHCP provision during the Coronavirus states:

The Coronavirus Act 2020 allows the Secretary of State, where appropriate, to temporarily lift the statutory duty on local authorities to maintain the precise provision in EHC plans; with local authorities needing instead to apply ‘reasonable endeavours’ to support these children and their families. As such, where the Secretary of State has issued a temporary notice and a local authority or school is unable to secure the full range of provision stated in a plan, as long as they use their ‘reasonable endeavours’ to do this, they won’t be penalised for failing to meet the existing duty in section 42 of the Children and Families Act 2014.

We will therefore endeavour to adhere to and deliver some elements of students’ EHC Plans either in school or at home using the resources that are available to us.

Students with EHCPs at LCS can be categorised as follows under the 2020 Government

Coronavirus Legislation:

Children and young people whose needs can be met at home, namely those who are not receiving personal care from their educational setting, or whose limited need for personal care can be met in their family home.

We will continue to encourage all students to stay at home as per the government advice, however, we will offer provision in school for all students with EHCPs as we are aware of the pressures on families and vulnerable students at this time. If parents choose to send their children into school, they will be supervised and supported by qualified teachers with email access to their Key Worker and subject teachers for further support, as well as access to Wellbeing and Safeguarding staff if SEMH support is needed. Key Workers will offer support in terms of the student’s SEND and parents will be contacted where it is felt that their input is needed. All staff involved will have access to students’ EHCPs, and work allowing access to the whole curriculum will be organised either by teachers in school or as outlined below.

Students Working at Home

All students with SEND will be given work to complete via Go4Schools. This work will be differentiated for students’ needs in accordance with EHCPs wherever possible.

Students will be contacted by their Key Worker to offer support in terms of the work set. They will also offer support as a named person students can contact with any other worries related to the current situation. They may talk through the issue with the student, direct them to our

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Safeguarding/Wellbeing staff or suggest online resources. Key Workers will use their knowledge of the student’s SEND to tailor the support offered.

Parents of students will be contacted to inform them of this arrangement and to ask them to encourage their child to regularly look at their school emails and to make use of the support on offer.

Key Workers will help with individual queries and issues relating to work directly with the students where they can. If the query is something a Key worker cannot help with they will contact the member of staff who set the work for clarification. Students have also been encouraged to contact their teachers if they need support.

Key Workers will also monitor the work set on Go4Schools for their Key Students. They may further differentiate the work for the student or add a help sheet after liaising with the teacher.

Contact

We are grateful to parents for working with us in encouraging and supporting their children at home during this challenging time.

If you would like further information or advice, or if you have a question about your child’s SEND support, please email: sian.hubbard@murraypark.derby.sch.uk