

Worplesdon Primary School



SEND

**Special arrangements in
relation to COVID-19.**

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1. Vulnerable children and those with an Education and Healthcare plan.

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 regular check-ins to ensure that pupil's 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.

2. Support for parents.

Parents of our pupils with SEND may require our support at this time and this can be through phone calls with the school SENDCO or another member of the school team, via email and also virtual meetings using google meet. The SENDCO can be reached at learlsmith@worplesdon.surrey.sch.uk

3. Transition

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 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.

4. Wellbeing.

Resources that support our pupils' emotional and social development during this unprecedented time have been uploaded on to google classroom. These will continue to be updated as time passes. Please contact the school SENDCO or HSLW if you require further support for your child in this area.

5. External agency support.

External agencies will only become involved if necessary following the usual graduated response process. Information from the Educational Psychology service can be found on the following link alongside other useful resources and related to our current situation.

<https://www.surreylocaloffer.org.uk> (follow the link which says 'Coronavirus' at the top of the page).