



CARLETON HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope this letter finds you and your family safe and well. We would like to update you from a SEND perspective with a few key pieces of information.

Place in school

As you are aware, if your child has an Educational Health and Care plan (EHCP), guidance states that your child is eligible to attend school during lockdown. Please see the link below for further information:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/951035/210108_Parents_Guidance_vF.pdf.

It is highly recommended that eligible students attend school. If your child has an EHCP and is not currently accessing their place in school and you would like to discuss a place for your child, please contact school directly at admin@carletonhigh.patrust.org.uk.

Well-being check in

Although we are unable to have face-to-face contact at the moment, the SEND department are maintaining positive communicative channels with families by endeavouring to contact parents once a week to check in with you and students. This is an additional strategy that is in place to support parents of students with SEND to monitor their well-being and to provide you with a key point of contact should there be anything you require to support them further. If your child has an EHCP, the SEND department will also promote regular contact with external agencies that are supporting them for further advice for families.

Intervention provision

We are really excited to provide you with the details of our plans for an upcoming intervention programme that will be offered during the period of national lockdown. Not only are interventions an integral part of your child's educational experience, but they are a brilliant opportunity for your child to interact confidently, safe in the knowledge that it is a small number of students they are working with.

Following a rigorous review of interventions that are reasonably practicable for students to participate in remotely, we will be offering the following interventions:

- Social skills
- Speech and Language Therapy
- Risk and Resilience/Learning for Living

For those students who are working remotely from home, interventions will be offered between 8:30-9am to ensure that they are participating in lessons that are vital to support their development of their well-being, social understanding, vocabulary development, emotional literacy and fundamental life skills.

For those students who are attending school, most of their interventions will be delivered face-to-face in a socially distanced, well-ventilated room with a trained member of staff, with the exception of the Risk

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and Resilience intervention which will be delivered remotely by an external agency.

If your child has an EHCP and was timetabled for any of the above interventions, the SEND department will contact you to provide further information regarding the date of the intervention, who your main point of contact for interventions is going to be, and the class codes required to attend the Google Classroom intervention. Please note, these interventions are optional during lockdown but it is highly recommended that students participate in the interventions to promote consistency of their provision.

Communication and keeping in touch

Please remember, although we are in a national lockdown, we would like to do everything we can to support our families. If there is anything you require or if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact admin@carletonhigh.patrust.org.uk.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L Barker', written in a cursive style.

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