	AOT Covid 19 Continuity Offer
Contact Details	
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Contact	On our website https://www.sunderlandaot.co.uk/
	we have resources, and signposting to resources, available for parents
	there is the contact details for your child's AOT member of staff. If you are unsure who this is, contact the member of staff who is allocated to your child's school https://www.sunderlandaot.co.uk/contact-us
	From now until the summer holidays, the AOT can be contacted between 10am-2pm, Monday to Friday on 0191 6913940. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any issues or questions
	From September the office will be open from 9-4pm Monday – Friday.
New Diagnosis	If your child has just received a diagnosis of Autism, we will contact you and outline our support offer to you
Referrals	The AOT has been accepting referrals from schools throughout Lockdown. Schools can refer parents to the AOT and we will contact them via email or phone. The Team have given support to over 200 parents during Lockdown, including emailing strategies and resources, dropping off resources at homes and support via email and phone calls.
	The AOT has been in contact with all these schools to arrange initial meetings with school and parents/carers, so support/strategies/resources can be identified
	We will be delivering training via Microsoft team to parents, and will advertise this on our website asap
EHCP	We have continued to provide advice for EHCP and all the requests we have had during lockdown have been complete within the given time frames
	APM and review meetings have been attended virtually
Support for pupils accessing education	All schools have been contacted to give them contact details for the AOT, all staff have been available during normal working hours and via email. The majority of staff have been available over all holidays to offer support, strategies and resources
	The AOT have 2 members of staff in the office between 10-2 everyday, so Teachers, SENDCOs and Heads can contact and strategies/support offered. All other staff are working from home, so any issues can be directed to them from the office. All staff are keeping a log of contacts which are sent to the manager weekly, any recurring issues are identified and where applicable resources/strategies are placed on the website to support these issues
	Resources and strategies for all key stages have been put on our website and all schools have been informed of this. AOT is linking with other professionals to ensure a wide breadth of resources/strategies. The AOT have given individualized support to over 150 professionals
Plan for September 2020	It is planned that the team will be in the office full time. Training and visits to schools will resume, following government guidelines