

Specialist Support Team Covid 19 Continuity Offer

Team: Language and Learning Partnership

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Contact	Language and Learning Partnership (LLP) have been in contact with schools usually through contact with the schools' SENCOs. Within that contact there have been some schools that have asked for advice re work at home for parents to do with children and there are some of the small steps targets provided as part of the children's appendices which schools will have been able to send home.
New Diagnosis	N/A
Referrals	Referrals are received from schools. We do not accept parental referrals. However we may receive phone calls from parents who are querying what number on the waiting list their child is. Due to data protection we would not give information over the phone but would contact the referring school in order that they can then give that information to the parents. LLP have continued to receive and triage referrals throughout 'lockdown.'
EHCP	We have continued to provide written information for EHCP reports. We have continued to read and respond to draft reports including responding to parental comments. We have, where appropriate, supported application for schools to proceed with request for EHCP assessment. This would normally have happened through being present at EHCP planning meetings.
Support for pupils accessing education	When LLP complete input with a pupil outcomes and small steps targets are produced for the school to implement as classroom practice. Some schools have chosen to use programmes recommended by LLP as work to be completed at home. An example of this would be the start write, stay write handwriting programme
Plan for September	At present LLP are investigating if courses that they normally run (and are attended by a mix of professionals and parents) will be able to run remotely. Several Makaton courses would normally run throughout the year but there may be the opportunity to run the Makaton awareness course remotely. The Struggling Writer course which is usually attended by both professionals and parents is due to run in the Spring term. As we do not know what social distancing will look at that point it is still planned to go ahead. Parents who have attended this course have found it very useful. LLP visits in September will be subject to Government health guidance. We will continue to communicate with SENCOs re referrals and 'next steps.'