

<p>Team Children's Sensory Team (Supporting Children with Hearing and/or Visual Impairment)</p>	
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Contact	<p>The Team are doing telephone and video support for families, with in agreement with the family, 1:1 sessions for some children/young people</p> <p>If, however you have not been contacted recently and feel you would like our input/support as always, we encourage you to get in touch without hesitation.</p> <p>We also have the Children's Sensory Team page on Facebook which many of our families now access and a What's app group for Families with pre-school hearing impaired children and a series of videos which have been put on Youtube to support our work - 'Listen, Sign and See'</p> <p>The Guide Dogs for the Blind who provide Mobility/Habilitation training for our Visually Impaired Children are also continuing to support children and young people (previously assessed) with telephone calls and video sessions as arranged with parents.</p> <p>We also continue to work closely with professionals in health and education e.g. NERCIP and SALT, modifying work sent home by schools.</p>
New Diagnosis	<p>Diagnosis can only be made through health - Audiology, ENT or Ophthalmology.</p>
Referrals	<p>Referrals are made on medical diagnosis and are usually through audiology, ENT or Ophthalmology. You should be offered a referral to our team on diagnosis.</p> <p>If, however your child has a medical diagnosis of either a permanent hearing impairment and/or visual difficulties please feel free to contact us. If you do not have a diagnosis, please contact your GP as we will need a medical assessment.</p>
EHCP	<p>We continue to provide information and advice for EHCPs based on latest medical assessments, discussion with parents, any work we have done with your child or young person during lockdown or our last visit/assessment.</p>
Support for pupils accessing education	<p>We continue to liaise closely with Nurseries and schools. We are providing a range of ongoing training e.g. our Introduction to BSL Sign for those Nurseries and to do accessibility audits for Children with Visual Impairment.</p>
Plan for September	<p>As we all know it is difficult to predict where we will be in September we continue to follow National and Local Guidance as to face to face meetings and will be working closely with schools and nurseries to maximize our support while working within the restraints of the safety measures the school has in place – this will include regular contact with schools, target setting, advice and support and training for staff where visits are not possible.</p>