

Covid-19 SEND Information

Special arrangements in relation to COVID-19.

From September, the government announced plans for all pupils to return to school on a full-time basis.

Following the guidelines provided by the government, which can be found below

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools>

Paignton Academy will be providing the following:

- Pupils will be taught in 'zones' linked to their year group, Each zone will have set teaching assistants and a pastoral manager assigned to it.
- Pupils will have access to their relevant curriculum through planned lessons, set by class teachers, which take into account the need for a 'recovery curriculum', to cover any knowledge and skills missed during the Covid-19 pandemic as well as any well-being needs pupils may have.
- Pupils will have access to all provisions as listed in SEND Provision section of the SEND information report. These include:
 - activities linked to the outcomes on their Education Health Care Plans.
 - coloured overlays.
 - technology where appropriate, such as laptops and iPads.
 - Access to Theraplay activities and resources to support emotional well-being.
 - In class TA support for core lessons
- Teaching Assistants will deliver support following government social distancing guidelines and hygiene.
- SEND pupils will have access to break out spaces, should they need time out of their classroom for any reason relating to their SEND needs.
- SEND support plans will continue to be in place for pupils on the SEND register and reviews will be conducted via Email or Telephone call.
- EHCP annual reviews or meetings will be held via Zoom/Google Meet/Telephone call with professionals and parents.
- Outside agencies will begin providing interventions within school or online via Zoom/Microsoft Teams/Google Meet/Telephone calls, where necessary, following all guidance on social distancing and hygiene.

The offer shown below applies to any pupils that may need to be taught remotely.

As stated in the government guidance:

'Where a class, group or small number of pupils need to self-isolate, or there is a local lockdown requiring pupils to remain at home, we expect schools to have the capacity to offer immediate remote education'.

Should there be a case for pupils to work from home, Paignton Academy will ensure:

- Work will be set by class teachers. It will take in to account the needs of the pupils in their classes and will follow a well-sequenced curriculum so that knowledge and

skills are built incrementally, with a good level of clarity about what is intended to be taught and practised in each subject.

- Teachers will check work regularly to gauge how well pupils are progressing through the curriculum.
- Contact with pupils will be maintained via Google Meet or a Telephone call, to ensure that pupils outcomes are kept at the forefront and that their emotional needs are being met.
- Class teachers will set work and provide resources for individual SEND pupils relating to the outcomes/targets on their EHCP or SEND support plans.
- We will provide printed resources, such as workbooks and worksheets for pupils who do not have suitable online access.

Parents of SEND pupils may continue to require our support at this time and the SENCO and Head of Learning support can be contacted via the academy telephone or email contacts listed on the academy website.

External agencies will become involved if necessary following the usual graduated response process detailed above.