

Covid 19 Measures and the South Glos Educational Psychology Service

Supportive Parents South Gloucestershire SENDIAS Service wanted to best inform children, young people and parents and carers about the current service delivery of **South Gloucestershire Educational Psychology Service** (SG EP Service) during **covid19 measures**.

We asked the SG EP Service for information that we could share and received a detailed response.

The SG EP Service outlined that they currently:

- Share information through a range of media to Headteachers, SENCOs, and parents and carers via Newsletters;
- Engage in a range of activities in response to Covid-19 [see below];
- Encourage schools to keep in touch with their link EP.

Activities the SG EP Service are currently engaging in include:

For Professionals:

- Providing consultation, general advice and guidance to schools by remote means
- Producing packs of information for schools
- Supporting schools and settings to plan for Crisis Intervention
- Supporting schools with regards to vulnerable children and those with SEND, for example attending reviews taking place remotely, contributing to Multi-professional meetings
- Assisting schools with their planning for re-opening (e.g. how to re-build relationships and support those who have experienced adversity and / or are experiencing anxiety) and helping them to consider how to ensure that the environment is both safe and emotionally nurturing

For Parents, Carers and Families:

- Providing consultation, advice and guidance to parents via the SEND helpline
- Producing documents for schools and parents/carers to use to support children and young people's wellbeing, resilience, engagement, and feelings of connection - whilst pupils are educated at home as well as in preparation for their transition back to school.

For the Local Authority:

- Providing support around preventing exclusions
- Continuing with the role of member of EHCNA decision making panel
- Providing support to the local authority in fulfilling statutory functions
- Supporting the local SEND team in completing risk assessments for all children and young people with EHCPs
- Developing and providing wellbeing support across the local authority



Safeguarding and Vulnerable Pupils:

- Providing consultation to settings, families and wider services (e.g. safeguarding /family support workers / SEND professionals)
- Developing and sharing resources for settings and families in relation to vulnerable children and young people, including those with autism and looked after populations
- Sharing research regarding the impact of school closures on the well-being of children and young people
- Taking a role in a wider team who are liaising with schools and monitoring the welfare of vulnerable children and young people
- Supporting in the completion risk assessments for all children and young people with EHCPs

If you would like further information, advice or support,

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