

Remote education provision: information for parents

All learners who are unable to attend College due to 'bubble' closures or wider Lockdown measures will have access to home learning. Teachers, key workers, and the curriculum coordinator will work with parents and carers to understand what is best for each young person to access remote content.

Some learners will access all of their learning online, either by using the class webcams, where teachers are still delivering from College or by accessing Microsoft Teams, where teachers are in isolation or working from home.

Some learners will have home learning packs. These will contain a range of resources from sensory items to College work and SaLT (Speech and Language Therapy) programmes. Learners who find it difficult to access content online will be offered these and they can be worked through at any time, or alongside class teaching.

Some learners will have a combination of both approaches, where they will access online learning some of the time but also have home learning packs as well.

Learners will have access to 5 hours of learning a day. This will be made up of a combination of teacher led sessions online, teacher devised tasks to be undertaken at home, home learning pack resources, 1:1 therapy via Teams, online content such as YouTube videos and OTTV (Occupational Therapy). Learners will have 30 minutes of Speech and Language Therapy and 30 minutes of Occupational Therapy per week (unless additional therapy is stated in their EHCP) as well as input from Behaviour Analysts as needed.

Typically, the online teaching day will start with a teacher delivering a Personal Development session and check in. Learners will access the curriculum being taught for their individual course in their usual class groups. The hours will follow the current College hours of 10am – 3pm. Learners accessing home learning packs may wish to work outside of these hours.

We understand that for some young people learning from home presents significant challenges. In these cases, we will work with you to try and find what works best.

We monitor attendance and engagement daily for each session. If we have any concerns over attendance and/or engagement we will contact parents/carers to work on a solution. Learners will work towards a reduced set of targets and some learners will have target packs to help parents/carers work towards specific goals with their young person.

We understand that for some learners' social time with their class is important even if they are not accessing online content. Teachers will organise a social communication session once a week with a fun theme (for example karaoke or



dance). The purpose of these sessions is to try and engage our learners with their peers and staff to retain a sense of their group.

If your young person is accessing online learning 5 days a week you will be offered 2 catch up calls per week with a teacher and/or key worker. If your young person is accessing home learning packs, you will be offered a phone call every day from a key worker and at least once a week from a teacher. In addition to this, those learning at home will also receive weekly input from therapists as appropriate.

If you have any questions about our home learning offer please address them, in the first instance, to:

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