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SEND Special arrangements in relation to COVID-19.

From the week commencing 1 June, the government announced plans for a phased return of some children to school. The children this impacts are:

- Children in reception, year 1 and year 6
- Vulnerable children and children of critical workers – they have been supporting since the end of March.

In line with Government guidance all eligible children are being encouraged to attend – it is no longer necessary for parents of eligible children to keep them at home if they can. In particular, as per the [existing guidance on vulnerable children and young people](#), vulnerable children of all year groups continue to be expected and encouraged to attend educational provision where it is appropriate for them to do so.

For children who have an education health and care (EHC) plan, attendance is expected where it is determined, following a risk assessment, that their needs can be as safely or more safely met in the educational environment.

On 1 May 2020 some aspects of the law on education, health and care (EHC) needs assessments and plans changed temporarily to give local authorities and education settings more flexibility in responding to the demands placed on them by coronavirus (COVID-19). **Section 42 (Children and Families Act 2014)** has been modified from **must** secure the provision as set out in a child/young person's EHC Plan to use of **"reasonable endeavours"** to secure/arrange the provision set out in a child/young person's EHC Plan.

Information around this can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/changes-to-the-law-on-education-health-and-care-needs-assessments-and-plans-due-to-coronavirus>



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In order to ensure that our pupils with EHC plans are supported we have continued to consult families with regards to whether or not their child needs to attend school. If it is determined that their needs can be met in school, Warden House will be providing the following:

- Children will be taught in 'pods' with a small group of their peers and up to 3 adults (Class Teacher, Teaching Assistant, Mid-day Supervisor)
- All children will be supported to understand social distancing and hand washing routines.
- Children will have access to the curriculum through planned lessons, set by class teachers, which take into account the needs of the children.
- Children will have access, where possible, to activities linked to the outcomes on their Education Health Care Plans or SEND Support Plans.
- Children will have access to visual supports such as visual timetables, now and next cards or task cards.
- Children will have access to personalised resources such as coloured overlays or ear defenders if this is needed and deemed safe for use.
- Children will have access to technology where appropriate, such as laptops and iPads.
- Children will have access to online provisions such as Nessy, Phonics games etc.
- Children will have access to well-being activities and resources to support emotional well-being.

Please be aware that due to staffing capacity and social distancing measures, not all provisions will be possible at this time.

The previous offer (shown below) still applies to SEND children who remain at home.

In order to ensure that our pupils with SEND are supported we will continue to maintain contact with families. We have ensured that the expectations for work being completed at home is understood and that pupils can access the work being set by school staff. As a school, we are undertaking weekly check ins to ensure that pupils outcomes are kept at the forefront and that their emotional needs are being met. Work



set by class teachers takes in to account the needs of the pupils in their classes and is open-ended in nature to allow pupils to engage with and further their own learning.

Transition

We are aware that the transition period for our pupils with SEND has been greatly affected by the current situation and we continue to work alongside our secondary colleagues to ensure that the information needed is shared. We will keep you informed as to any other transition opportunities that might be available as the summer term continues.

If you have any concerns or queries, please contact me via email at zoe.alldis@warden-house.kent.sch.uk

Kind regards

Zoe Alldis