

Learning support during lockdown.

The Learning Support Team are continuing to support students online and in school throughout this lockdown period.

As with all schools, our Learning Support Department is operating with a limited level of learning support assistants in school to support students who have Education Health and Care Plans or are considered 'vulnerable' and qualify for learning in school. These students are working in Key Stage 'bubbles' and an assigned learning support assistant will work with them throughout the morning or afternoon sessions.

The online learning for students who have learning support timetabled to them continues with the learning support assistant joining the classes on Teams and working with the students in small break out groups or 1:1.

Support for SEN Prep is given to the students who, during normal school time, receive this. The Prep will take place via Teams more flexibly during this time and when this best suit the student rather than at the end of the school day / evening as it would be during normal school time. There has been no decrease in SEN Prep support during this lockdown unless otherwise requested.

Some Interventions are continuing with students. However some interventions do not apply to the home setting or require a more personalised approach than online working for the time being.

Our Learning Mentors are contacting their Mentees through e-mails / Team chats to check in on how things are going with them and their learning and supporting them with their learning needs, organisation or wellbeing. This is done on at least a weekly basis.

In preparation for post lockdown, we are canvassing students views through a Student Profile pro forma to gauge their learning needs and the impact this lock down may have had on their confidence, concerns or worries about returning to school and what support they think they may benefit from when they come back. This will help us to plan and target provision which may be required when lockdown ends and we resume normal school based learning.

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