

SUPPORT TO MAINSTREAM SCHOOLS DURING AND AFTER COVID-19



During the current period, the Pupil and School Support Service (PSS) will continue to provide regular ongoing advice through your PSS teacher who can be contacted via email or telephone.

Casework

Until schools are fully open, PSS are unable to carry out individual assessments. We can offer:

- consultation around individual cases already on caseload, including multi-agency meetings via audio conferencing, email and telephone
- follow up reports for existing cases to complete work already undertaken.
- advice around SEND Support Provision Plans or statutory assessment work
- advice around strategies and activities to try for groups of children with SEND currently attending school

Staff Continuous Professional Development

During time spent working from home, there are the following opportunities for staff development:

- Free online courses available here: acesstoeducation.birmingham.gov.uk/online-training including FREE access to the Language and Literacy and Maths toolkit training, for Birmingham schools.
- Encourage staff to look at the information on Birmingham SENCoZone via the Access to education website acesstoeducation.birmingham.gov.uk/senco-zone-home

When schools return PSS can provide advice and support as follows:

- Advice around resumption of interventions, including short diagnostic assessments to provide an interim baseline measure
- Support for SENCOs with identification and implementation of immediate strategic priorities
- Support for SENCOs and teaching staff around High-Quality Teaching responses to support pupils' needs within a different learning environment

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