

Education Inclusion Services offer

Dear colleagues



We hope you are all keeping well.

We are continuing to support our most vulnerable children and young people in Barnsley, but in order to do so effectively it means that we will have to move from a traded service to a core service over the summer term. We have made this decision because our usual way of working cannot take place while many of the children who we would typically support are not in school.

We are continuing to provide advice for Education, Health and Care Needs assessments and annual reviews, as appropriate, for children in your schools/settings and this is a key priority for us so that we can all ensure that children receive the support they need. In addition to this we will be offering the following support:

Educational Child and Community Psychology (ECCP) Service:

- Telephone/video consultation service to staff in schools/settings in relation to meeting the emotional and well-being needs of staff.
- Telephone/video consultation service to staff in schools/settings in relation to meeting the needs of children with SEND who are currently attending school.
- Telephone/video consultation service for parents and carers to meet the SEND needs of children who are currently at home and not attending school.
- Critical Incidents: ECCP Critical Incident response support to heads and senior leads in schools. Short term psychological support to school senior leadership team in managing their response to the incident and sharing documents to support management of the process. Telephone support and/or video conversations with Link EP for the school and/or Principal EP. Follow up support through telephone conversations with resource materials relating to loss and bereavement, trauma, talking to families and C/YP and managing communications with the school community and beyond. Critical incident work may be related or unrelated to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Access to ECCP can be via your SENDCo or Headteacher in school who can contact their Link Educational Psychologist.

EY Area SENDCo

- Telephone/video consultation for parents/carers of EY children with SEND who are currently at home and not attending their setting.
- Telephone/video consultation service to staff in EY settings in relation to meeting the needs of children with SEND who are currently attending setting.
- Telephone/video consultation for SENDCos in EY settings in relation to their SENDCo role.
- Contribution to decision making around EHCNA requests through weekly portal group.
- Contribution to decision making around EYIG applications through monthly panel.

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Portage

- Regular telephone/video sessions with parent/carers to review child's progress and plan next steps for all families that want to continue with portage input.
- Regular telephone check-ins with families involved with Portage who do not want to continue with input at this time.

Sensory Team (Hearing and Vision Support)

- Telephone/video consultations for staff in schools supporting children known to the Team.
- Telephone/video consultations for parents/carers supporting children at home known to the Team.
- Providing programmes of work and next steps to staff in schools and parent/carers for high need children and young people known to the Team.

Social Communication and Interaction (SCI) Team

- Telephone/video consultations for staff in school to discuss children who are currently on caseload.
- Telephone/video consultations for parents/carers to discuss children who are currently on caseload.
- Telephone/video consultations for staff in schools supporting children with a diagnosis of Autism and/or an EHCP and SCI needs.
- Telephone/video consultations for parents/carers supporting children at home with a diagnosis of Autism and/or an EHCP and SCI needs.
- Telephone/video consultations for school/setting staff supporting children pre year 1 with SCI needs and who are accessing Early Years Inclusion Grant or Early Help support.
- Telephone/video consultations for parents/carers supporting children pre year 1 at home with SCI needs and who are accessing the Early Years Inclusion Grant or Early Help support.

Access to SCI can be via the SENDCo or Headteacher in school who can contact their Link SCI practitioner.

Our offer over the summer term is based on ensuring we can offer support to our most vulnerable children and young people in Barnsley, but at this difficult time for everyone we want to do all we can to support schools/settings and families. Please let us know if you require support which you feel is not outlined above.

Enquiries regarding all our services can be made directly via Barnsley Education Inclusion Services webpage.

<https://www.barnsley.gov.uk/services/children-families-and-education/schools-and-learning/education-inclusion-services/>

Best wishes

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