

Outreach Service Update – July 2020

FAO Headteacher & SENCO (Mainstream Primary & Secondary schools)

We hope that you and your school communities are keeping safe and well and that the wider reopening of your settings has been positive. We know that the impact of Covid-19 on schools has been, and continues to be, substantial for colleagues and children. The social and emotional impact of the pandemic and associated school closures is highly likely to have increased some children's anxieties and exacerbated wide-ranging mental health issues. We are aware of how hard schools across Kirklees have worked to sustain school connectedness for vulnerable pupils whose patterns of school attendance have been disrupted. Inevitably, however, this may raise some challenges in relation to transitions back to school settings. The Outreach Service is here to support schools and pupils with some of these transitions, to enable the best outcomes for pupils.

Our Support Allocation in September 2020

Following the recent DfE guidance regarding all year groups returning to school full time from September, we wanted to update you on how we will be focussing our support early next academic year.

The Outreach team has prioritised transition support for pupils who have recently been allocated a new school through Fair Access. We recognise that settling this vulnerable cohort of pupils after such a prolonged period of time out of mainstream school may pose a number of challenges. With this in mind, the Outreach Team is dedicating the first three weeks of the Autumn Term to providing full time support in mainstream schools. Our Inclusion Managers will be in touch prior to the summer break to arrange the re-integration meetings with your senior leaders.

I would like to use this opportunity to draw your attention to the recent [report](#) shared by the LA regarding exclusions post Covid-19. This report looks at potential new and heightened risks for school exclusions caused by the recent Covid-19 pandemic.

School Exclusion Risks after COVID-19



Plans for late September 2020

Following the re-integration of the above cohort, the Outreach Team's focus will revert to early intervention and prevention cases referred through SPR.

We are expecting case workers to begin these cases from w/c 28th September 2020.

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Single Point Referral (SPR) Update

Our final SPR panel this term is scheduled for Monday 6th July 2020. An updated SPR form will be uploaded to our website early August. This should be used from 7th September 2020.

To access details around referrals please click on the link below.

<https://www.eat.uk.com/about/single-point-referral-process/>

Please note: All primary and secondary SEMH and medical referrals should be submitted via this referral process. Our additional 'portal' to access early intervention advice will continue to be available in September 2020 via the following email address:

outreach.advice@eat.uk.com

If you would like to discuss any of your current Outreach cases, then please do not hesitate to get in touch our SENDCOs:

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For advice around Exclusions and Reintegration Support through Fair Access please contact our Inclusion Managers:

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Wishing you all a well earned break over the summer and we will look forward to continuing to work in partnership with you in the new academic year.

Kind Regards

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