

Spring SENDCO Newsletter

Dear parents and carers,

When I wrote the Spring Newsletter on my 'to do' list I did not anticipate the circumstances that we find ourselves in. I think it is important however to continue to communicate with you all and give you a brief update as well as some information that may help in the coming weeks.

I have now completed my parent's meetings for this term and shared support plans. I look forward to seeing many of you at the next round of appointments whenever they may be.

Please be assured that all children who were in the process of applying for an EHCP will have their application submitted before the deadline. I do not presently know what the outcome or timings will be. I think we should prepare for some disruption to timings.

I have been in touch with professionals who were due to come to school for assessments, therapy or meetings in the coming weeks and the children's support will be rescheduled where this is possible. I have already written to the parents and carers of children who receive Mabel Therapy.

In an effort to maintain some normality I have a couple of updates for you:

Ofsted Inspection Local Area

The Ofsted inspection of SEN provision in Durham County has now been completed and can be viewed at <https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/provider/44/80465>.

National Mental Health Programme

This is a national training scheme that will help to ensure that mental health needs have the appropriate provision in schools. This has been needed for a long time and I am hopeful that it will ensure that our children receive timely and appropriate support. Once I know more I will update you all.

I have compiled a list of useful links and websites to support children with SEND at this time. Many of our children, with or without needs, will find the changes to their lives very unsettling and will be feeling anxious and unsure. We as their caregivers can work together to provide some calm and reassurance. Please know that if I can be of any help I am here – be it resources or advice or even just reassurance. My email address is lcleminson@crookprimaryschool.org.uk

I look forward to hearing from you,

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