

## Queensbury Academy Special SEND arrangements in relation to COVID-19.

From September, the government announced plans for all children to return to school on a full-time basis.

Following the guidelines provided by the government, which can be found below

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools>

Queensbury Academy will be providing the following:

- Children will be taught in 'bubbles' linked to their key stage, for example:
  - Year 7
  - Year 8
  - Year 9
  - Year 10
  - Year 11
  - Years 12 and 13

Each bubble will have set teachers and teaching assistants assigned to it.

- Children will have access to their relevant curriculum through planned lessons, set by subject teachers, which acknowledges the need for a 'recovery curriculum', to cover any knowledge and skills missed during the Covid-19 pandemic as well as any well-being needs children may have.
- Children will have access to all provisions as listed in SEND Provision section of the SEND information report. These include:
  - activities linked to the outcomes on their Education Health Care Plans.
  - visual supports such as visual timetables, traffic light cards, now and next cards or task cards.
  - coloured overlays, ear defenders and sensory boxes.
  - technology where appropriate, such as laptops.
  - Access to activities and resources to support emotional well-being, such as social stories, SEND support rooms (one room allocated to each Year bubble), EXCEL
  - Online provisions, such as Doodle, SENECA and Maths Watch.
  - In class provisions, such as scribes, readers, scaffolding, pupil passports
  - Access Arrangements – scribing, readers, laptops, rest breaks
  - ARC intervention
- Interventions will take place within bubbles. Trained Teaching Assistants will deliver these interventions following government social distancing guidelines and hygiene.
- SEND children will have access to break out spaces, should they need time out of their classroom for any reason relating to their SEND needs.
- Children will have access to Support Plans should they need one.
- SEND support plans will continue to be in place for children on the SEND register and reviews will be conducted via Email, Edukey provision Map or Telephone call.
- EHCP annual reviews or meetings will be held Microsoft Teams/Telephone call with professionals and parents.
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- Outside agencies will begin providing interventions within school or online via Zoom/ Microsoft Teams/Telephone calls, where necessary, following all guidance on social distancing and hygiene.

**The offer shown below applies to any children that may need to be taught remotely.**

As stated in the government guidance:

*Where a class, group or small number of pupils need to self-isolate, or there is a local lockdown requiring pupils to remain at home, we expect schools to have the capacity to offer immediate remote education’.*

Should there be the need for children to work from home Queensbury Academy will ensure:

- Work is set according to the School’s Remote Learning Policy (available on website)
- Work will be set by class teachers. It will take in to account the needs of the pupils in their classes and will follow a well-sequenced curriculum so that knowledge and skills are built incrementally, with a good level of clarity about what is intended to be taught and practised in each subject.
- Teachers will check work regularly to gauge how well pupils are progressing through the curriculum.
- Regular contact with children via Microsoft Teams or a Telephone call, to ensure that pupils outcomes are kept at the forefront and that their emotional needs are being met.
- Class teachers will set work and provide resources for individual SEND children relating to the outcomes/targets on their EHCP or SEND support plans.
- Class teachers will use remote education resources such as Oak National Academy specialist content for pupils with SEND. This covers communication and language, numeracy, creative arts, independent living, occupational therapy, physical therapy and speech and language therapy. This will complement the other remote education resources set by the class teacher.
- We will provide printed resources, such as workbooks and worksheets for pupils who do not have suitable online access.

Parents of SEND pupils may continue to require our support at this time and the use of email allows for private conversations to be had between staff and parents. The SENCO can be reached at [sjones@queensbury.anthemtrust.uk](mailto:sjones@queensbury.anthemtrust.uk)

Resources that support our pupils’ SEND needs have been uploaded on to the school website in the SEND section and within the class folders in TEAMS. These will continue to be updated throughout the school year.

Referrals to External agencies will still be actioned as necessary following the usual graduated response process.

**Transition**

We are aware that the transition period for our Year 7 pupils with SEND has been greatly affected by the current situation. The SENCO and transition staff have engaged in handover meetings with the staff or key workers of incoming pupils where relevant. We also continue to work alongside our primary/secondary colleagues and parents to ensure that the information needed is shared, and any children needing enhanced transition support will receive it.