

Home learning packs and online resources

We have put together a large list of online learning packs and links to free resources and online learning that you can use to support education whilst children are at home. These include resources for children in all year groups within the Trust (Year 1 – Year 11). Please find all of this on our website:

<https://www.raedwaldtrust.com/pupils-and-families/information-for-families/>



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Parent/carer support during Covid-19

Welcome to the first issue of our RT Newsletter for families/carers. In response to the unusual circumstances we find ourselves in, all teams across the Trust felt it was important for us to share supportive information with you through our termly newsletter.

Teams across the Trust are working hard to ensure pupils are safe and that you feel supported. We hope that this newsletter will give you some additional information and links to further support if you are finding this period of self-isolation difficult.

Please do get in touch with your school if you need additional support. We will do our best to help you; our pupils and their families remain our top priority through these unprecedented times. If you are worried about a child and need immediate assistance, please contact *Customer First (social services)* at: **0808 800 4005**

How to look after your family's mental health when you're stuck indoors

With schools closing and many adults working from home, families are going to be cooped up. It's easy to get cabin fever when children who are used to running around the playground and hanging out with friends are stuck indoors with their parents.

Visit the parent info website below to find some tips for keeping everyone's spirits up as much as possible as we self-isolate.

This website also provides help and guidance for exploring and supporting your child in a digital world, including how to keep your child safe online.

<https://parentinfo.org/>

Suffolk Children and Young People's Emotional Wellbeing Hub

Phone: **0345 600 2090**

(Mon to Fri 8am-7.30pm)

Information, advice and support for children, young people, families and professionals.

Find out more





How will my Year 11 child be supported to move on to Post-16?

If you are a Year 11 student, we understand that this period in your academic year is a very important time to plan your future and that normally we would be on hand at school to support you with this. We know that many of you have already made plans for when you leave school, however, some of you have not committed to this next step.

Below we have added some links to local Post 16 Providers who have courses that you may be interested in. These include the larger colleges such as Suffolk One and Suffolk New College. We have spoken to the colleges and they would like students to apply for the courses which they are interested in doing at the level which represents their predicted grades for this year. The colleges will then look at assessing students on their practical ability and through assessments to ensure they are on the right level of course.

We have also included some smaller and bespoke post 16 providers who offer full time post 16 education placements in smaller settings and also have pre apprenticeship and apprenticeship courses available. It is worth looking at these as they have many different programs such as sport and gym coaches, child care, health and social care, business studies and many other options.

If you would like to apply to one of these there are links on their websites where you can complete application forms. Please contact your school if you would like some help with this.

GCSE exams

Latest advice received from

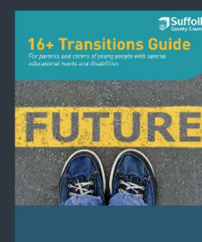
Cambridge Assessment:

"We recognise that your children have been studying very hard for their GCSE exams and how important it is that they receive the grades they deserve to progress to their next stage of learning. We will be working with schools worldwide to make sure the grades earned by your child represent their achievement using the best available evidence. We will issue a grade and a certificate from Cambridge International for all qualifications other than Cambridge Checkpoint so that your children do not face disadvantage because of these extraordinary circumstances."

Raedwald Trust teams will continue to update you as more decisions are made about grade allocations for GCSEs and SATs. We anticipate another update on this situation on 31 March, 2020. Please be assured that our teams will ensure your child receives the grades they deserve and will support through home learning during this time.

Recommended reading:

Suffolk County Council 16+ Transition Guide available at: https://search3.openobjects.com/mediamanager/suffolk/enterprise/files/send_16_transition_guide.pdf



"Transition Guide" available at: <https://nasen.org.uk/uploads/assets/d120f943-7f8b-48c6-bc5b0d2ab448c54d/transition.pdf>

Signposting



<https://www.suffolk.ac.uk/>



<https://www.suffolkone.ac>



<https://www.princes-trust.org.uk/uk/>



<http://www.wstraining.co.uk/>



<https://www.mgn.tchc.net/>



<https://www.ymca.co.uk/centres/ipswich>

Apps for SEND

Dyslexic learners:

- SoundLiteracy
- What is Dyslexia
- Dyslexia Quest
- Happy Math
- Multiplication Rhymes
- Read 2 Me
- Phonics with Phonograms
- Dyseggxia
- DD's Dictionary: A Dyslexic Dictionary

ASD Learners:

- Sight Words
- Sequences for Autism
- See, Touch, Learn
- Words on Wheels
- Verbal Me
- Autism iHelp
- Autism/DDT Shapes
- Autism DDT Letters
- Speech with Milo

Visually Impaired:

- ViA
- Dragon Dictation
- Light Detector
- Color ID
- TapTapSee
- Be My Eyes – Helping Blind See
- Talking calculator
- SayText
- AccessNote
- Visual Braille

Support for Writing Difficulties:

- The Writing Machine
- iWrite Words
- Letter School
- Alpha Writer
- ABC Pocket Phonics
- Word Magic



RT SEND: Support for children with EHCP plans

What will the Corona virus bill mean for children with EHCP plans?

The draft Coronavirus Bill proposes two key amendments to the law:

- The duty to make the provision in an EHC plan (section 42 of the Children and Families Act 2014) may be amended to a '**reasonable endeavours**' duty. This means the local authority would need to do whatever it **reasonably** can to put provision in place, but if they cannot do so they would not necessarily be breaching the law.
- The duty on schools to admit a child where the EHC plan names that school (section 43 of the Children and Families Act 2014) may be '**disapplied**'

There are also changes in the Bill around the duty to provide transport and with Annual Review and re-assessments.

This will give local authorities the ability to divert valuable resources to where it is needed for the short-term. It's expected that these measures will be reviewed montly.

Read the government summary about the impact of the measures being taken here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-bill-summary-of-impacts/coronavirus-bill-summary-of-impacts#section-2--easing-of-legislative-and-regulatory-requirements>

Are there any changes to the SEND appeal process?

If you have an appeal in progress, the current position is that this will still go ahead but will most likely be held remotely. Some appeals have already been heard using telephone or video links.

If you wish to delay your appeal due to the crisis, perhaps you are finding it difficult to gather evidence for example, you could request a postponement by using the '**request for changes**' form (<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/special-educational-needs-and-disability-tribunal-forms>)

You can still make a new appeal. The SEND Tribunal service have said they will be prioritising 'phase-transfer' appeals. A 'phase transfer' is when a child or young person is due to move up to the next phase of their education in September (primary to secondary, secondary to post-16 etc).

The SEND tribunal has provided a link

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-courts-and-tribunals-planning-and-preparation> to information about how it is responding to the current situation with regards to Covid-19.

If you have an upcoming hearing, you might want to keep checking the link above; you can also sign up for alerts via their website.

