



Special Educational Needs Policy Addendum

School reopening:

Supporting Students with SEND to Transition Back to School

Approved by:	Local Governing Body	Date: 12.06.2020
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This addendum applies during the period of phased return following school closure due to COVID-19. It reflects updated information from Knowsley Local Authority

It sets out changes to our normal special educational needs policy in light of the Department for Education's guidance [Supporting Children and Young People with SEND as Schools and Colleges Prepare for Wider Opening](#) and should be read in conjunction with that policy.

Risk Assessments

Students with an education, health care plan (EHCP) will have an individual risk assessment. All risk assessments will be updated using information from parents, Knowsley local authority and where appropriate colleague from the primary sector.

Risk assessments will be used to:

- Guide decisions on which students, with an EHC plan, should be attending school, taking into account the changing circumstances of individual children and families, so that they can be brought back into face to face education when it is right for them
- When attendance is not appropriate, assessments will help make decisions about the support students will receive at home, noting that circumstances may have changed
- On return, the views of the student will be incorporated within the assessment
- Inform the planning for provision of each individual student with an EHCP
- Risk assessments will continue for those students attending a partial return
- Risk assessments will continue for those students that do not attend

Phased Return

Students with an EHCP will be supported through a phased and safe transition back into full time education.

- Particular care will be taken when planning for and supporting students returning to school
- Parents will be involved in decisions made about their child returning to school
- Students with an EHCP will attend school for part of the day when it is safe to do so
- There will be appropriate ratios of staff to support students, ensuring social distancing measures are in place
- For those students with complex needs, we will look to provide transport, where it is safe to do so
- Where there are elements of the EHCP that have not been delivered in the normal way, school will seek opportunities to meet students' needs within those elements on their return
- Parents of students with education, health care plans will continue to be contacted weekly

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