

## Inclusion, Wellbeing and Equality – COVID 19 Signposting, Advice and Support 26/03/20

Signposting for teachers, parents, and children and young people from groups of who may be more vulnerable during this time of school closures and social isolation.

Children who are:	Risks or concerns	Available advice and support
looked after at home	<ul> <li>strain on or breakdown of relationships</li> <li>strain due to financial/employment instability of primary carer</li> <li>lack of confidence/capacity of parent to support wellbeing/education of child</li> <li>lack of parental control and ability to ensure YP self-isolates/stays in</li> <li>child protection issues</li> <li>worry about upcoming Children's Hearing</li> </ul>	Advice for:  Parents and Children and Young People  Local Social Work Offices (email/telephone)  Out of hours Social Work (email/telephone)  Barnardo's  SCRA: Coronavirus and your Hearing Children and Young People  Childline
in kinship or foster care	<ul> <li>strain on or breakdown of relationships</li> <li>strain due to financial/employment instability of primary carer</li> <li>breakdown of placement</li> <li>lack of carer's control and ability to ensure YP self-isolates/stays in</li> <li>lack of confidence/capacity of carer to support wellbeing/education of child</li> <li>worry about upcoming Children's Hearing</li> </ul>	Advice for:  Kinship and Foster carers  • Fosterline  • Kinship Care Scotland  Parents, Carers and Young People  • SCRA: Coronavirus and your Hearing
in a     residential     unit or school	<ul> <li>group living -&gt;higher risk of social contact and spread of virus</li> <li>loss of placement due to unit closure (for financial reasons or due to virus)</li> <li>strain on or breakdown of relationships</li> <li>lack of stability and unit unsettled due to high staff absence</li> <li>high levels of anxiety in staff and CYP</li> <li>increased risk of mental health issues such as self-harming</li> <li>worry about upcoming Children's Hearing</li> <li>breakdown of placement</li> </ul>	Advice for:  Local Authority Staff  Link to Children's rights teams  Parents and Care Services  Information and guidance for care services and parents about Covid 19/school closures/staffing  Parents, Carers and Young People  SCRA: Coronavirus and your Hearing
in a secure care facility	<ul> <li>Last 3 points above plus</li> <li>Increased risk of seclusion for long periods of time (due to contraction of virus or lack of staff to safely supervise)</li> <li>high levels of anxiety in staff and CYP</li> <li>increased risk of mental health issues eg. self-harming and professional support for this</li> <li>worry about upcoming trial/children's hearing</li> </ul>	Advice for:  Parents and Care Services:  Care Inspectorate: Information and guidance for care services about Covid 19/staffing  Parents, Carers, and Children and Young People  SCRA: Coronavirus and your Hearing



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complex ASNs	<ul> <li>strain on or breakdown of relationships</li> <li>strain due to financial/employment instability of primary carer</li> <li>reduced contact with services to support care routines and moving and handling/postural management routines</li> <li>increased risk of muscular-skeletal deterioration, bowel and chest management and cardio-vascular wellbeing due to reduced access to postural management equipment.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Advice for:         <ul> <li>Teachers, Parents, and Children and Young People</li> </ul> </li> <li>Afasic- National charity for Developmental Language Disorders offering advice, information and support.</li> <li>Autism Toolbox – new Covid 19 information page</li> <li>British Academy of Childhood Disability – Resources</li> <li>CALL Scotland – symbol resources explaining Covid 19</li> <li>CHAS – Support for those with life shortening conditions</li> <li>ENABLE supporting disabled individuals</li> <li>ENQUIRE: General advice - ASL</li> <li>Mencap – how to involve children in decision making</li> <li>PAMIS –Support and services for those with profound and multiple learning difficulties</li> <li>The Sensory Projects - COVID 19 educational resources for home-schooling</li> <li>Wellchild – National Charity for sick children</li> </ul>		
deaf learners	<ul> <li>deaf parents may find home-schooling difficult</li> <li>limited access to information and online learning suitable for deaf learners (or parents)</li> <li>lack of ongoing mentoring/advocacy support as deaf learners often need face to face support</li> <li>lack of targeted information in BSL</li> </ul>	Advice for:  Parents and Children and Young People  BSL video with Coronavirus (COVID-19) guidance  BSL glossary of subject terms  BSL - Coronavirus (COVID-19) Social Distancing You Tube  BSL users access to the online British Sign Language video relay interpreting service (VRS) 24 / 7  British Deaf Association Mentoring Officer Email: mentorscot.drp@bda.org.uk		
anxious or have mental health issues	<ul> <li>raised anxiety leading to distressed behaviours, such as, withdrawal, risk taking, self-harming,</li> <li>lack of access to protective factors, such as, familiar places, people, routines</li> <li>lack of confidence or capacity of parents/carers to support their child or young person with their anxiety.mental health or the resulting behaviour</li> <li>increase in anxiety or regression in mental health as isolation period progresses</li> </ul>	Advice for:  Coronavirus (COVID-19) information for children, families and professionals  Young People  Young minds  Mind for better mental health  Childline – Your Feelings  Parents/carers  NSPCC – Keeping Children Safe		



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• yo	oung carers	<ul> <li>full time caring responsibilities may increase levels of stress over time</li> <li>lack of confidence/capacity of parent to support wellbeing/education of child</li> <li>lack of practical support for care of parent/sibling</li> <li>at risk of anxiety/mental health issues (see below)</li> <li>anxiety about lack of qualifications due to absence or poor performance due to effect of caring responsibilities</li> <li>lack of connection with or ability to review carer's statement</li> </ul>	Advice for:  Unpaid carers  Scottish Government advice about Covid-19 Teachers/Parents/Young Carer's:  Supporting Young Carers in Education Carer's Trust Young Carer's: Young Scot (NB. Young Carer's Grants available) SQA website for guidance about exams/coursework
	ine school avers	<ul> <li>anxiety about lack of evidence for true assessment of levels due to previous absence or poor performance</li> <li>pupils studying at N3/4 level – no prelims or potentially coursework due to absence</li> <li>worry that pupils will leave school without entrance requirements for College in September</li> </ul>	Advice for:  All  SQA website for guidance about exams/coursework

Useful mixed resources and guidance from <u>Association of Scottish Principle Educational Psychologists</u>