

## **Appendix to our SEND Policy**

*This document provides some additional information about SEND during the period of closure as a result of Covid-19*

Government guidance for parents around supporting children at this time can be found using the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/help-children-with-send-continue-their-education-during-coronavirus-covid-19>

Sunderland's Local Offer for SEND can be found by using the following link:

<https://www.sunderlandinformationpoint.co.uk/kb5/sunderland/directory/localoffer.page?localofferchannel=0>

***At East Herrington Primary Academy we feel like communication is the key to supporting all parents through this time and is especially important for our children with SEND.***

There are several ways you can ask questions or ask for advice. If you have questions, staff are available and we would ask that you contact in the order listed below:

- Class teacher via the class email - they may be able to answer your question
- Request to speak to SENDCo via the class teacher email. Your class teacher will forward your question/concern on to the SENDCo. It may be that your question can be answered immediately by email. If a phone call is needed, this call will need to take place on a day when the SENDCo is on the rota to be in school so there may be a short wait before a SENDCo can get back to you.
- Phone call into the school office. If a SENDCo is in school and available, they will speak to you at that point. If they are not, you will be advised on when they are next in school and a message will be sent to them.

### **Annual SEN Reviews**

We are planning on conducting annual reviews during the second half of Summer Term in one form or another. The form this will take will be dependent upon the guidelines around school closure at the time.

If children are not yet in school or on a phased return, class teachers/SENDCo will hold a telephone review specifically around SEND and planning for the next steps for each individual child. If it is the class teacher they will then pass this information onto the SENDCo who will carry out any actions that come from this or contact the parent to discuss things further.

Some telephone reviews may be held by the SENCO in the first instance.

#### Annual reviews for children with Education, Health and Care Plans

These are currently being discussed with the LEA to see how best to complete them and information will be shared individually with the parents of these children.

#### Transition between Year Groups

SENDCos and staff are already considering how to support children with SEND during transition back into school and to their new year group. Transition books/videos will be collated when staffing for 2020-2021 is confirmed. These will be shared online and in paper format depending upon the guidelines for school closure at the time when they are produced.

#### Children with SEND moving into Year 7

The SENDCo is currently in communication with SENDCo's from Secondary schools to discuss transition arrangements. As soon as arrangements are agreed, this information will be shared with parents.