

Support for Pupils with Special Educational Needs and/or Disability (SEND)

Please can I take this opportunity to thank our parents/ carers for their overwhelming support of the work being done by our fantastic team of teaching assistants at Altrincham College. We are very grateful for your positive feedback and kind comments. If you would like to contact our SEND department to ask for support for your child, please use the email address

SEN@altrinchamcollege.com.

This document is intended to signpost parents and pupils to services available from Trafford Local Authority and other organisations to support pupils with SEND during the Covid-19 crisis.

Trafford Local Offer

Trafford Local Offer have created a page on their website offering advice on a range of issues arising from the Covid-19 crisis, including a section on SEND 'Help managing at home with a child or young person with SEND', which has a range of inclusive activities and educational resources. There is also information and advice for managing your child's behaviour. The page can be found at

<https://www.trafforddirectory.co.uk/kb5/trafford/fsd/advice.page?id=6TzAFXIfQtl>.

Trafford Educational Psychology Service

Trafford Educational Psychology Service have provided a 'Support Toolkit', again available on the Trafford Local Offer Link above under the SEND section. This toolkit provides extensive advice, split into sections based on the age of your child as well as support and guidance for adults. Guidance includes:

- Talking to young people about Covid-19 and illness
- Supporting emotional needs
- Advice relating to loss and bereavement
- Educational Resources
- Guidance for different broad areas of need of SEND

The Trafford Educational Psychology Service have also created a Facebook page through which you are able to book telephone appointments to receive support and advice. There will also be a series of Facebook Live sessions coming on topics such as managing anxiety. The Facebook page can be found using the link <https://www.facebook.com/Trafford-Educational-Psychology-Service-101008488254211/>.

Trafford Parents Forum

Trafford Parents Forum work in partnership with parents and professionals involved with SEND. They hold weekly online drop-ins for parents of children with SEND to provide support and advice. The Trafford Parents Forum can be found using the link <https://www.traffordparentsforum.org/about/>.

Supporting Routine Changes Caused by Lockdown

Greater Manchester Occupational Therapy Team have created a toolkit to help people to create a routine with meaningful activities based around a young person's roles, self-care, productivity and leisure activities:

<https://www.salfordcvs.co.uk/system/files/GM%20SST%20OT%20Adapted%20activity%20ideas%20-%20-%2030%2004%2020%20%281%29.pdf>

Follow this link for a parent/ carer home-school survival toolkit:

<https://www.salfordcvs.co.uk/system/files/Parent%20and%20Carer%20Homeschool%20Toolkit.pdf>

Follow this link for a self-isolation wellbeing pack with suggested activities to improve wellbeing during lockdown:

<https://www.staffs.ac.uk/comms/pdf/self-isolation-psychology-wellbeing-pack.pdf>

Support for Parents of Children with Autism Spectrum Condition (ASC)

Please follow this link to find details and to register for an online training event free to parents/ carers 'Autism Research into Practice' on 26th June 2020.

https://search3.openobjects.com/mediamanager/stockport/fsd/files/pact_symposium_2020_leaflet_digital_002_.pdf

Social stories are used to improve the social understanding of young people with ASC by sharing information in a clear and visual way. Events are described and explanations provided as to why people are responding to events in the way they are. A social story aimed at secondary students to explain the Covid-19 crisis can be found using the following link https://grcgcustomers.s3-eu-west-1.amazonaws.com/account4876975/6603238_2.pdf?0.6935304732052094. An alternative social story 'Going back to school sometime' can be found using the link

<https://reachoutasc.com/attachments/article/13/Easy%20read%20school%20soon%20SS.pdf>, or a more detailed version of 'Going back to school sometime'

<https://reachoutasc.com/attachments/article/13/We%20will%20be%20going%20back%20to%20school%20sometime.pdf>.