**COVID-19 Addendum to SEND Policy**

During these continued times of COVID-19, the schools are now being kept open unless a positive case closes a bubble. There may be some changes in the SEND provision.

**Whilst children are in school:**

* Children’s needs will be met in the classroom with support and differentiation via expectation, scaffolding and carefully chosen resources.
* Interventions (pre-teaching, catch up or bespoke programmes) will be run by the identified member of staff.
* EHCP & top up funding recommendations will be implemented.
* Reviews and meetings with parents are now via Microsoft Teams unless there is a particular reason to invite them onto site.
* Meetings with external professionals are via Microsoft Teams unless they need to work directly with the child.
* Visors and / or medical grade masks are available for support staff to wear if they would like one.
* SEND learning plans will be reviewed, updated and shared with parents as normal (November, March and June).
* Risk assessments have been completed for SEND children.

**Whilst children are self-isolating as a group or individually (including shielding children):**

* Remote learning will be implemented on Microsoft Teams (as per Learn AT remote learning road map).
* Staff will phone or email SEND parents to ensure that the children are ok and accessing the work.
* Work will be set which they can achieve; this may be through accompanying notes, expectation, guidance or even a different task in certain circumstances.
* Recommended websites and resources which may be of support will be shared with parents / carers.
* Staff will regularly check in with the EHCP children via Microsoft Teams / phone / email.
* Every endeavour will be made to provided EHCP & Top up funding children with the relevant equipment / resources where appropriate to enable them to continue to work towards their outcomes.
* Learning plans will be adapted in accordance to remote learning.

If any parents with a child on the SEND register would like to contact the SENDCo, they may request this via the school office (office@rpa.learnat.uk).

**Appendices**

Learn – AT risk assessment sheet

Guidance from the local authority

Parent information sheet