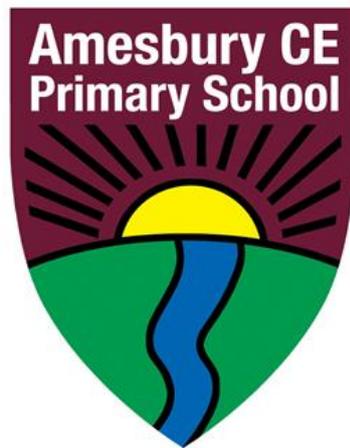


# **AMESBURY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL**



## **SEND Policy COVID-19 Addendum**

Policy date: May 2020

Review date: as appropriate

## Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) Policy for Amesbury primary School COVID-19

At Amesbury primary School our children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) are likely to face lots of changes in their day to day routine because of the coronavirus (COVID-19) guidelines that have been realised for settings. As a parent or carer you may feel concerned about how the current situation will affect your child with regards as to how school will provide for your child's care, medication or educational needs.

Amesbury Primary School is committed to inclusion and ensuring that all of our pupils can still achieve their best. We will continue to take a person-centred planning approach to teaching and learning and consider the holistic needs of all of our pupils, whilst following the guidelines issued by the Government.

### Guidance from Government for or vulnerables including those with special educational needs

Vulnerable children for the purposes of continued attendance during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak are those across all year groups who:

- Are assessed as being in need under section 17 of the Children Act 1989, including children and young people who have a child in need plan, a child protection plan or who are a looked-after child
- Have an Education, Health and Care (EHC) Plan and it is determined, following risk assessment, that their needs can be as safely or more safely met in the educational or home environment.
- Have been assessed as otherwise vulnerable by educational providers or local authorities (including children's social care services), and who could therefore benefit from continued educational or home attendance.

This group includes children and young people with an EHC Plan attending all educational settings. For all children and young people with EHC Plans, we are adhering to Wiltshire Local Authority to follow the guidance to conduct a risk assessment in consultation parents/carers to determine whether children and young people's needs can be met as safely or more safely in the educational or home environment. At Amesbury Primary School we will keep risk assessments under review, in case circumstances change and a different decision is more appropriate. Amesbury Primary School will ensure that children's individual risk assessments are kept up to date so that our children are safe in school under the new guidelines of social distancing.

For children with an EHC Plan:

- Those in year groups YR, YR1 and YR6 should return to school, where medical advice suggests they are not clinically vulnerable to coronavirus which is informed by their risk assessments, and are not shielding and protecting people defined on medical grounds as clinically extremely vulnerable.

- Those in other year groups should continue to attend or not depending on their individual risk assessments.

### Well-Being and social emotional mental health (SEMH)

As a school, we recognise the importance of not only supporting children's academic progress however this is dependent on also supporting and developing their behavioural, emotional and social skills to enable them to feel safe and confident in this school environment. This may include, but is not limited to:

- Remote access to the counselling service,
- Remote access to the school's Emotional Literacy Support Assistant (ELSA)
- Remote and hardcopy access to our in house well-being packs.

For children who are receiving face to face education from the week beginning the 1<sup>st</sup> June, we will ensure that all classes are accessing regular and specific Personal Social Health Education (PSHE) such as:

- Personal hygiene
- Emotional well-being and regulation
- Mindfulness
- Individualised coping strategies

### Quality of teaching and learning for children with SEND

All teaching staff will continue to strive to identify and address any barriers that are preventing our children from accessing the curriculum. All staff are committed to meeting the needs of all our children. Staff will liaise regularly, whilst adhering to social distancing regulations, in order to discuss the needs of all our children. We will also work closely with our parents/carers to ensure our pupils can really achieve the best possible experience whilst in school. Where possible we will continue to adhere to our SEND Policy and Information Report in order to shape our personalised provision. For more information regarding teaching and learning during COVID-19, please refer to our Teaching and Learning Policy Appendix.... COVID-19.

### Accessibility, health and care and reasonable adjustments for children with SEND

All children who are accessing educational provision and are either vulnerable or SEND may require reasonable adjustments to be made to their provision. In this instance children will have specific accessibility plans built within their risk assessment. This will be in accordance to our general Accessibility Plan which you can access on the school website.

### Educational Health Care Plans (EHCP) and My Support Plans (MSP)

All of our children who are currently accessing support through the EHCP and MSP process will continue to have regular scheduled reviews. This will be provided for all of our SEND pupils, both in school and at home. We be providing this service through telephone and virtual meetings which will be arranged by our SEND team.

The Wiltshire Local Authority have released the following information to all settings that all children and young adults who are in the process of a Statutory Assessment Request for an EHCP will be put on hold until the SEND service can re-open as normal.

### Additional support and referrals for children with SEND

The Wiltshire SENS are currently operating at a reduced level but we are still able to make referrals. For more information regarding COVID-19 SEND support at home or how the SEND Wiltshire Local Offer are operating, please use the following links:

<http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/local-offer>

<http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/public-health-coronavirus>