3rd April 2020

# **Support for children and young people attending ASN schools -**

# **Spring Break (6-17 April 2020)**

Dear Parent/Carer

As you will be aware, The Scottish Government has continued to ask the public to remain at home to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 over the coming weeks. I recognise that for some families who have children with significant additional support needs, further support may be required during the Spring Break.

During Spring Break, our ASN schools will be closed however support will continue to be available in the locality hubs which will remain open during this period.  The hubs are:

* Clyde Valley High School and Orchard Primary LCSC (Wishaw)
* Cathedral Primary School (Motherwell)
* Calderhead High School (Shotts)
* New Stevenson Primary School and LCSC (New Stevenson)
* Hilltop Primary School and LCSC (Airdrie)
* St. Ambrose High School (Coatbridge)
* St John Paul 11 Primary School (Viewpark)
* Cumbernauld High School and LCSC (Cumbernauld)
* Chryston High School  (Chryston)
* St. Patricks Primary School (Kilsyth)

*Full information on these school hubs can be found on northlanarkshire.gov.uk/keyworkers.*

If your child has significant additional support needs and you require support from one of the hubs, please contact your child’s school in the first instance to discuss your support needs with the Head Teacher. The Head Teacher will discuss your child’s support requirements and their health care needs in order that a risk assessment and plan can be arranged so that your child can access the hub safely.

Should you have difficulty in contacting your child’s school, please contact:

Carolan Burnett (Additional Support Manager) 07776305572

Judi Pollock (Senior Education and Families Manager) 07852500731

Other useful contacts and support agencies include:

* [Afasic](https://www.afasic.org.uk/)- National charity for Developmental Language Disorders offering advice, information and support.
* [Autism Toolbox](http://www.autismtoolbox.co.uk/) – new [Covid 19 information page](http://www.autismtoolbox.co.uk/supporting-learners-home-covid-19)
* [British Academy of Childhood Disability](https://www.bacdis.org.uk/resources/90-covid-19-resources) – Resources
* [CALL Scotland](https://www.callscotland.org.uk/blog/symbol-resources-for-covid19/) – symbol resources explaining Covid 19
* [CHAS](https://www.chas.org.uk/) – Support for those with life shortening conditions
* [ENABLE](https://www.enable.org.uk/coronavirus-information/) supporting disabled individuals
* [ENQUIRE](https://enquire.org.uk/): General advice - ASL
* [Mencap](https://www.mencap.org.uk/advice-and-support/profound-and-multiple-learning-disabilities-pmld/pmld-involve-me) – how to involve children in decision making
* [PAMIS](http://pamis.org.uk/) –Support and services for those with profound and multiple learning difficulties
* [The Sensory Projects](http://www.thesensoryprojects.co.uk/covid19-resources) -  COVID 19 educational resources for home-schooling
* [Wellchild](https://www.wellchild.org.uk/2020/03/11/covid-19-information-for-parents-and-carers/) – National Charity for sick children

I understand that this is a difficult time for many people and I hope that the support that we are offering will assist.

Regards

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