**Appendix 1**

**Due to Covid-19 these amendments have been made to the SEND Report**

**Home Learning**

All children in school were given a home learning pack which contained resources that they could use at home to aid their home learning. This pack was prepared by the class teachers and was differentiated to meet the needs of all the children.

On the school website there is a home learning section which contains daily activities for each class and links to different websites relating to the different subjects.

During this COVID-19 crisis Mrs Bladon is available to all SEND children’s parents via Email. Her email address can be found on the school website.

In the SEND section of the website there are a list of websites that give additional support and guidance for parents and contain resources that can be used at home.

**Transition**

If the crisis extends into the Summer Term transition activities will be available in the SEND section of the website for parents and children to access so they can start to prepare for their transition to secondary school.

**Advice about talking to our children about COVID 19**

In the SEND section there is a tab entitled: Resources to help explain coronavirusand manage anxiety.

In this section there are examples of social stories that can be used and a link to a number of website where there are visual aids for hand washing and a selection of health social stories.

**Provisions for children with Education Health and Care Plans**

All children who have an EHCP were told that they could attend Bishop Lonsdale daily, however, all of the children’s parents have now decided to keep their children at home to reduce the risk of contracting Covid-19. For all these children a risk assessment was carried out and completed by the SENCo (Mrs Bladon) and checked by Mr Hetherington (Executive Headteacher). A copy of each risk assessment was securely emailed to our LA representative and the SEND Admin team for their records.

The risk assessments will be reviewed as stated on the plans and varies for each child.

None of our children currently receive specialist weekly support from outside agencies.

All EHCP reviews have been postponed until after the crisis. This decision was made in consultation with our LA representative.

The LA (Local Authority) have agreed that new EHCP referrals can still be made with verbal consent from parents over the phone. After receiving the referrals the LA will also contact the parents to confirm that they agree with the referral.

**Outside agency support**

If outside agency support is required during this crisis parents can contact Mrs Bladon via Email and she can obtain advice from the Psychology Service, Speech and Language and Health Care.

We have one outstanding Educational Psychology session left this year.   Normally all sessions should be used before the end of the Spring term, however due to the current crisis school will either receive a refund or the session will be carried over to the next financial year.

**Staff Training**

The Trust have provided links to staff to access CPD including that for SEND.

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