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## PROGRAMME UPDATE

*Keeping stakeholders, parents and carers informed about Dudley's Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Improvement Programme*

### **7. Working remotely with children and young people: Dudley Educational Psychology Service**

Dudley Educational Psychology Service (EPS) has been sharing practice and tools for working remotely with CYP with SEND.

There are exciting ways to work with children and young people online many of which are being trialled by Dudley Educational Psychologists (EPs) in order to widen the ways in which children and young people can actively participate in exploring how school can be a happier place for them. EPs utilise many tools to gain the views of children and young people and are increasingly using resources in interactive ways online

The following words are from 11 members of Dudley's Children in Care Council, Make a Difference, aged between 11 and 17 who took the time to talk to us and share their views to help improve the practice of professionals working remotely. Thank you to each member of the group for representing the views of children and young people who have care experiences and also to Dudley Youth Service for enabling us to meet with them.

Dudley EPS has developed online to support parents during the pandemic:

<https://careandshare.uk/resources-for-parents-dudley-educational-psychology-counselling/>

In addition, the Educational Psychology Team ran a webinar, "Emotionally Supporting Children to Return to School in Dudley". This webinar for parents aimed to provide an understanding on what may be the causes of the worry around returning to school, how children will communicate their worries, and how parents could support their children to

manage their worries for a more settled start to school. You can view the webinar at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vRu9qFhTwO8>

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