

SEND 0-25 SERVICE

NEWSLETTER

SPECIAL EDITION

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The SEND 0-25 Service has been working hard over the last few weeks to develop additional support for children, young people, families and schools during this unprecedented time. I am really pleased to inform you that the Community Educational Psychology Team has provided a link psychologist for every school in the borough to support teachers and other front line colleagues. We are also launching a Family Consultation Service which will be available to all Solihull families from the 20th April 2020. This has been designed to support families with a range of issues such as:

- *How best to look after your own and/or your child's mental and emotional well-being on a daily basis*
- *How to talk with children about COVID-19 and their worries related to it*
- *How to support children to engage with learning whilst at home*
- *How best to maintain social connections whilst complying with social distancing*
- *How to manage behaviour that can be challenging or difficult to manage*

If you would like to arrange a consultation please call **0121 779 1734**. Further details can be found on the Local Offer website;

<https://socialsolihull.org.uk/localoffer/education/children-and-young-peoples-send-service/community-educational-psychology-service/>

Whilst we do not have a definite date for when social distancing measures will be relaxed to allow children to return to school, the Community Educational Psychology Team, in conjunction with SOLAR colleagues, are already making plans to support children and staff to prepare for a successful transition back into their educational settings.

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STAY SAFE / STAY WELL

Please continue to follow the Government advice to stay in, socially isolate or distance as appropriate. The most up to date advice is available on the NHS website. Our Local Offer Page is a useful resource for updates and resources <https://socialsolihull.org.uk/localoffer>

And finally...

Please try to remember that whilst we are physically distancing there are many safe ways to stay in connected. As a parent and a psychologist I am grateful that we have access to a wide range of social media platforms to help us stay in touch with each other. I wish you all well for the summer term. Ann will be back for next week's newsletter.

Kind regards

Dr Halit Hulusi

Principal Educational Psychologist

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