



Special Educational Needs & Disability
Information, Advice & Support Service

Coronavirus Notice

Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic our office is now closed until further notice and following Government guidelines SENDIASS staff are now working from home.

You can still contact us for information, advice and support. We are still providing our usual service by telephone, email, through our website and Facebook page:

You can contact us by:

- Calling us on our helpline number 01736 751921 (Monday – Friday: 10.00am to 3.00pm)
- Emailing us at: info@cornwallsendiass.org.uk
- Visiting our website at: <https://cornwallsendiass.org.uk/>
- Or you can follow us on Facebook for any latest information: <https://www.facebook.com/cornwallsendiass/>

This is a difficult and challenging time for all so we have put together a list of useful resources, information and support to help you and assist you in keeping your children and young people entertained and hopefully help to manage everyone's wellbeing.

COVID 19 SEND Information, Advice and Resources

- Where to find UpToDate information about arising issues and arrangements
- Information about coronavirus for children and young people
- Managing anxiety
- Managing the days at home
- Learning resources
- Support and information for you



Information, Advice and Resources

Where to find UpToDate information about arising issues and arrangements

These are the main places where you can find up to date information about what is happening in England and in Cornwall.

- England wide guidance for schools, colleges and local authorities on the [Gov.uk website](#).
- Further guidance about how children with social workers, those with EHC plans and other vulnerable children and young people will be supported was published on the [Gov.uk website](#).
- Cornwall Council has a web page which includes information about SEND and social care and can be accessed [here](#).
- Contact, the charity for Families with disabled children, has a [web page](#) with lots of information about support for children with disabilities and complex health needs, benefits and financial support and coping at home.
- Council for Disabled Children FAQs about coronavirus. The Council for Disabled Children (CDC) has launched two new email inboxes aimed to answer questions, collect resources and share information on Coronavirus and the impact on children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). They are designed to be used by professionals, practitioners, parent carers and families of children and young people with SEND.

The new '[CDC questions' inbox](#) gives you the opportunity to ask questions about how coronavirus will impact on children and young people with SEND as well as other questions relating to the impact on families; the education, health, social care sectors; and the voluntary and community sector. CDC will pull together the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) and share them with the Department for Education and Ministers as appropriate, in order to publish an FAQs newsflash each Friday.

To get a copy the FAQs newsflash please sign up to the [CDC mailing list](#), selecting the 'CDC Digest' option.

The 'CDC resources' inbox, is designed to enable parent carers, sector professionals and practitioners to share resources, to support families of children and young people with SEND and practitioners across the disabled children's sector. CDC will add these resources to their [COVID-19 Support and Guidance web page](#). The web page is kept under continuous review. You can ask your questions by emailing: CDCquestions@ncb.org.uk.

You can send resources to: CDCresources@ncb.org.uk.

- <https://childlawadvice.org.uk/coronavirus-covid-19-faqs/>

Of course, if you have got a question that you would like us to try and answer or need more in-depth advice then please contact us via any of the methods listed on the first page.

Information about coronavirus for children and young people

- Easy Read Online – [Easy Read information leaflet](#)
- Mencap – [Easy Read Information](#)
- Place to Be – [Coronavirus: Helpful information to answer questions from children](#)
- BBC Newsround – [Coronavirus: How did it start, what are the symptoms and other FAQs](#)
- Carol Gray (suggested by National Autistic Society) [My Story About Pandemics and the Coronavirus](#)
- InEQUE safeguarding group – [An animation & Story Book Explaining the Coronavirus to Children](#)
- Photosymbols – [Three picture based posters about coronavirus for people with learning disabilities](#)
- InEQUE safeguarding group – [Makaton and images based information](#)

Managing anxiety

- Special Needs Jungle – [Calming coronavirus anxiety in children – information for parents and carers](#)
- Young Minds – [What to do if you're anxious about coronavirus – information for young people](#)
- Littlepuddins – [Social story for children with autism](#)
- Sophie's Stories – [Therapeutic story for children – Stay at home superheroes](#)
- British Psychological Society – [Talking to children about Coronavirus](#)
- Childline – [Support for children and young people including their helpline and tips for coping when you're off school](#)
- Éadaoin Bhreathnach – [Sensory Attachment Intervention – The Scared Gang stay at Home](#)
- Mind of my own (MOMO) – [an app that](#) allows young people who have access to a phone to share their wishes and feelings.

Managing the days at home

- Department for Education – [Supporting your children's education during coronavirus \(COVID-19\) – advice for parents of children up to year six, and advice for parents with a child with SEND.](#)
- Common Sense Media (US website) – [How to keep kids learning when they're stuck at home](#)
- Action for Children – [lots of help and resources including home schooling, working from home, challenging behaviour and access to parenting coaches by phone.](#)
- Cafcass – [A Guide to working remotely and balancing it with your home life.](#) (Scroll to the bottom of the Cafcass webpage and open the final Q and A to access the guide)
- Adoption UK – [Home learning and nurturing – support and resources for managing at home with lockdown](#)
- Adopt South West – [Family Time – tips for using video chats](#)

Learning resources

- Department for Education – [list of free online resources for primary and secondary age children, including SEND resources.](#)
- Chatterpack – [Free home Learning Resources List for Schools and Families](#)
- Education Otherwise – [Activities and resources](#)
- Twinkl – [Free Learning Resources at Twinkl](#)
- BBC Bitesize: [Help with homework and learning.](#) Find free videos, step-by-step guides, activities and quizzes by level and subject.
- Common Sense Media (US website) – [Resources for Families During the Coronavirus Pandemic, including free educational apps, information and advice on home schooling](#)
- TED-ed – [All kinds of educational videos and materials](#) – To support children and parents, TED-Ed is working with educators to create and share high-quality, interactive, video-based lessons on a daily basis, for free.
- UCL Institute of Education – [Resources available to support home schooling](#)
- ELSA Support – [Free resources that support social and emotional learning](#)
- The Book Trust – [storytime with free online books and videos, games, book-themed quizzes, or learn how to draw.](#)

Support and information for you

- Gov.uk – [Government guidance on supporting children and young people's mental health](#)
- Carers UK – [Coronavirus guidance – getting prepared and protecting those you care for](#)
- Youngminds Parent Helpline Open Monday – Friday from 9.30am – 4pm and intends to operate through the current coronavirus situation. If you are worried about your child's mental health during this difficult time call them on 0808 8025544.
- British Association of Counselling and Psychotherapy – [Coronavirus anxiety: how to cope if you're feeling anxious about the outbreak](#)
- [Cornwall Council's Local Offer](#)

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