



Coronavirus COVID-19 Information - June 2020



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Dear Parent/Carer,

Thank you to all of you who have let us know about your personal experiences during these challenging times. Based on your feedback, this months newsletter contains detailed information that Bromley families have asked for during the COVID-19 Crisis. This includes updated government guidance on supporting children with SEND on returning to school and also the [Education Provision Request form](#). Please do continue to feedback your experiences to BPV at info@bromleyparentvoice.org.uk and whilst we may not respond to every message we receive, all these issues are being shared with LBB/BCCG on a weekly basis and we will publish updates in our next newsletter. Please note that daily updates are published via social media - Facebook [@bromleyparentvoice](#) and Twitter [@BPV Forum](#).

LATEST LEGAL NEWS

An Open Letter from Vicky Ford, The Parliamentary Under Secretary for Children & Families

Vicky Ford, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Children and Families, has written an [open letter](#) to children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities, their parents, families and others who support them regarding the phased opening of schools on 1st of June 2020.

Government Guidance on Supporting children with SEND return to school

Guidance for special schools, specialist colleges, local authorities and any other settings managing children and young people with complex special educational needs and disability (SEND). Please read the recent guidance published [HERE](#)

Phased re-opening of Bromley schools to additional pupils who have SEND

We recognise that for children and young people who have special educational needs or disabilities (SEND) and their parents and carers, the ongoing situation as a result of COVID-19 is bringing uncertainty and concerns about returning to school or college. Please read [HERE](#) for the latest guidance from the London Borough of Bromley regarding the phased reopening of schools for children with SEND.

What Legal Rights Do Disabled Children have Left Under the Coronavirus Act?

All children classed as "vulnerable" including children with **EHCPs**, are expected to go back to school from 1 June 2020, subject to the completion or updating of a risk assessment for each child. But, with the [Notice extension, \(Coronavirus Act 2020 Modification of section 42 of the Children and Families Act 2014 \(England\) \(No. 2\) Notice 2020\)](#), it means they'll be attending without the [legal protection](#) enshrined in their education, health care plans. Children will be relying on what's termed "reasonable endeavours" instead.

Coronavirus Bill & the implications for children with SEND

A video by [Steve Broach, Public Law Barrister](#), explaining the coronavirus bill and the implications for disabled children

LATEST NEWS

Challenging Behaviour Foundation Resources

The Challenging Behaviour Foundation has produced [special guidance for families during the Covid-19 pandemic](#), including this week [a letter for families to give to emergency services](#) who may not know how to support their loved one, and information about the role of learning disability nurses during the pandemic.

Urgent and emergency care for children

When your child is ill or injured it is very difficult to decide if/when to call your child's GP, NHS111, or go to the Accident and Emergency Department (A&E). While the government is asking everyone to stay at home, it can be confusing to know what to do. This poster [Advice for parents during coronavirus from Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health](#) helps explain what to do.

Emergency Grant available for families of children with SEND

£10 million announced to help disabled or seriously ill children in England during Coronavirus pandemic. Vital help for families with children who have complex needs and disabilities from the Family Fund. Families can now apply for a grant from the Family Fund [for vital equipment to make their lives easier](#) during the pandemic.

Court of Appeal Universal Credit Ruling

Court of appeal says those moved onto Universal Credit as a result of official error cannot be left worse off. Charity Child Poverty Action Group (CPAG) [successfully challenged](#) the situation where families are left unable to return to their previous benefits.

LOCAL NEWS

Bromley Local offer

Coronavirus and SEND [information](#) for parent/carers.

Request for practical help

The London Borough of Bromley & The Bromley Voluntary Sector Trust (BVST) have coordinated a network of volunteers to help elderly & vulnerable residents & carers of vulnerable people during the pandemic. Please use this [form](#) to request for help and practical assistance from the Bromley borough volunteer community.

Coronavirus Scam

Please be aware that scammers are pretending to carry out door-to-door COVID-19 testing of the vulnerable and elderly. Please call 999 if someone turns up at your door to test you. There are also various phishing emails circulating. People may attempt to gain your financial details by tricking you into opening malicious attachments. Check with someone you trust before doing so. Read [HERE](#) for further information.

EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

Home Learning Resources

- British Dyslexia Association study skills at home for older students with dyslexia - FREE [webinar](#) for parents
- Starline is a free [national helpline](#) for parents offering home learning advice from qualified teachers
- Chatterpack ADHD/SEND full home learning resources full list [HERE](#)
- [A list of FREE](#) Speech, Language, communication, Occupational therapy, and SEND resources for schools and parent/carers by Chatterpack
- DfE List of Coronavirus [Home learning resources](#)
- BBC Bitesize [SEND Toolkit](#) and [daily lessons on I-Player](#) (good for short attention spans & visual learners)
- Bromley library are hosting storytelling sessions on [Facebook](#)
- **Learn to touch type online for free**
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zf2f9j6/articles/z3c6tfr>

<https://www.doorwayonline.org.uk/typing/>

<https://www.typingclub.com/>

- [Audible](#) is offering free access during the school closure period
- For free ebooks try [Gutenberg](#) or [Oxford Owls](#)
- RNIB Bookshare also has a range of online books. Contact your QTVI to help set your child up with a membership.
- [Mentoring programme](#) for Visually Impaired students
- [Educational apps](#) for Visually Impaired students
- [TED ED](#) - to support the millions of students, parents and teachers affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, TED-ED is creating and sharing free high quality, interactive, video-based lessons on a daily basis.
- [Oak National Academy](#) is a new collection of high-quality lessons and online resources backed by the Government. It has been especially created in response to the coronavirus lockdown. Adaptations for SEND to be added soon.

- [UCL Centre of Inclusive Education](#) has produced a series of information resources to help parents, carers and families support pupils with SEND at home during the period of school closures.
- **The English Touring Opera** holds weekly online [music sessions](#) for children with SEND. [POSTER](#)

KEEPING ACTIVE

[British Blind Sport](#) have produced some exercise videos to keep you moving

Joe Wickes has a daily children's PE session on youtube called [PE with Joe](#).

[Cosmic Yoga](#) for younger children

The NHS has published advice on [home workouts](#)

CBeebies Andy's [Wild Adventure Workouts](#)

MENTAL HEALTH & OTHER RESOURCES

[British Red Cross](#)

[Bromley Well](#)

[Bromley Young Carers](#)

[Young Minds](#)

[Kooth Counselling](#)

[Action for Children](#) - List of mental health resources and information

[Mind](#)

[Calm](#) - All of the resources on the link are free to use and to share.

[MENCAP Podcast](#)

NHS England Easy read guides and advice on [Coronavirus](#)

[My Health Passport](#) and [MENCAP Hospital passport](#) for people with SEND who might need hospital treatment.

Additional Coronavirus information in [Different Languages](#) & [Easy Read](#) & [BSL](#)

ONLINE EVENTS

[The Maypole Project](#) holds weekly Zoom drumming & keep fit sessions - email info@themaypoleproject.co.uk to join
MENCAP weekly zoom coffee mornings - to join email autismfamilysupport@bromleymencap.org
MENCAP themed drop in for parent/carers of teens aged 15+ email: autismfamilysupport@bromleymencap.org

SHOPPING/HOME DELIVERY

The [Bromley Mutual Aid Facebook group](#) has posted details of local businesses offering deliveries and other helpful information. The [LIST](#) is updated regularly so do also check on their facebook page and if you know of any local businesses who are open or offering deliveries, please inform the Bromley Mutual COVID-19 Facebook page.

Shopping – Waitrose and Sainsbury's in Bromley are accepting DLA award letters as proof that you are a vulnerable family and allowing you to use their restricted times for the vulnerable & NHS workers. Some Tesco stores are also accepting DLA letters but you will need to check with your local branch as it isn't a nationwide policy.

TESCO - NHS Workers -Tuesday /Thursday 9 - 10am

TESCO - Vulnerable people/OAP'S- Mon/Wed/Fri 9-10am

SAINSBURY'S - If you live in England, you can get access to priority home delivery by visiting GOV.UK and searching "Coronavirus extremely vulnerable". Have have your NHS number to hand before you start the registration process. You can find it on any letter the NHS has sent you or on a prescription. Sainsbury's will **be in touch to let you know when you've been added and can book home delivery slots.**

ASDA - NHS workers in larger stores every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8am to 9am

MORRISONS - 7 - 8am daily except for Sunday

ALDI - Key workers in the NHS, Police and Fire Service will take priority ahead of queues into ALDI stores daily upon showing a valid ID. This is in addition to early access on a Sunday, where they can enter stores 30 minutes prior to opening.

LIDL - Are working in partnership with Royal Voluntary Service to donate thousands of fresh fruit and vegetable bags to hospital sites across the country and into the hands of frontline health workers.

Finally, we would again like to thank you for your loyalty and support to BPV, during what is clearly a very challenging and uncertain time for us all. Our thoughts go out to all of you who have been affected by this unprecedented situation.

Kind Regards,

The BPV Team.

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Would you like to get involved?

Interested in volunteering to help with our activities?

Have any professional or other skills which could help us?

Would like to share ideas, experiences, or a great activity.

If so please [contact](#) us to let us know.



Have something to say, have a question to ask, would like to see something available?

Email us at;

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bromleyparentvoice.
org.uk](mailto:info@bromleyparentvoice.org.uk)

or go to

[Have your Say](#)

on our Website and complete the current surveys and questionnaires



Useful Information

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[IASS formally known as Parent Partnership](#)

Information Advice and Support Service