

50-50 SYNC – INFORMATION FOR PARENTS/CARERS- COVID19

Tuesday 30th March 2020

The Secretary of State for Education and the Prime Minister have announced that schools have been instructed to close from Monday 23 March 2020. However, they have asked that schools and other educational providers to do all they can to continue to operate for pupils with Education, Health and Care Plans.

We therefore intend to continue to operate in line with the local authority term dates and will remain operational whilst we can safely staff the programme. We will update you on a daily basis if there is a change. In order to enable the programme to remain open we will now only operate virtually, setting up a programme of daily support using a combination of video/phone and other digital platforms.

I know that some of you will not want to send your child to the programme. They may have siblings at home. Local authority transport may not be able to run because of staff shortages. You may not want your child socialising at the centre at the moment. We absolutely understand these concerns.

For those students not attending – our staff, designated independent tutors and other assigned teaching staff will provide the best possible remote support, teaching, therapy (if applicable) they can. Our staff will contact you regularly and provide a range of learning activities in line with the planned educational and engaging interventions via video/phone and other digital platforms, also via email, by post if you do not use email or we'll deliver work to your home whilst maintaining social distancing.

This is a worrying time for everybody. We will do our best to provide all the support we possibly can. We will be available online and over the phone from now on and throughout any potential closure.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you need to at any convenient time, we'll respond as soon as we possibly can.