



Colindale School

Dear Parent/Carer,

This is a very different time for all of us so I thought I would send you some info and links about keeping our children safe during this time and some info and links on how to support children with SEND.

1. Keeping Children Safe during the school closure.

2. Children with Special Educational Needs & Disabilities

1. SAFEGUARDING

Child Protection

Our **safeguarding/child protection policy** is on our website and has details of what to do if you are worried about a child.

Key Info

Every school has a **Designated Safeguarding Lead DSL**.

Our lead is **Lindy Naphine** and the deputy lead is **Wendy Wayland**.

You can ring to speak to one of them or **Lucy Rodgers or one of the senior leaders** during the school day if you are worried about how to manage your own child during these difficult times or if you have worries about another child. The school will be supported by the local authority in case of staff sickness.

If you are worried about your own or any child in the community, you can contact the **multi-agency safeguarding hubs (MASH)** to make a referral or for advice. This is who we work with at school for safeguarding issues. Just tell the admin staff what your concern is and they will help you.

Tel : 020 8359 4066

Out of hours number: 020 8359 2000

MASH@Barnet.gov.uk

Children living in Brent

If the child lives in Brent, contact the Brent Family Front door on **020 8937 4300** to discuss your concern. If you are a member of the public you can complete a [Child concern report](#).

Early help



Jill Smith who is our Early Help Coordinator is currently still available to contact on Thursday afternoons through the school office but you can also ask to talk to a member of the safeguarding team during school time. She can give advice on a range of topics from housing to parenting.

Jill has given us the following links:-

<https://www.barnet.gov.uk/children-and-families/early-help-children-young-people-and-families>

Contact your nearest **Early Help Hub - Wingfield 020 8359 3510 (Colindale - West Hub)** or **Parkfield 020 8359 3590 (Hendon - South Hub)**

Domestic Violence

Solace Women's Aid

<http://www.solacewomensaid.org>

Confidential helpline 0808 802 5565 Email : info@solacewomensaid.org

For those struggling with food

School will contact parents about providing food for children who receive **free school meals**.

There is absolutely no shame in asking for help with feeding your families at this time.

We have already asked the **Children's Catholic Society** to help some of our struggling families. Please contact the office who will contact Ms Napthine or Ms Wayland if you would like to ask if they have some remaining financial help.

Colindale Food Bank will be open on Tuesdays and Thursdays 12pm to 2.30pm. Trinity Church, Northwest Centre, Avion Crescent, Grahame Park Way, NW9 5QY

Bread N Butter are cooking and freezing healthy meals, which can be delivered locally to those in need . Please call 0208 357 0923 or email info@sct.london. Open between 10am and 4pm weekdays

NW7hub (Mill Hill library) are providing a food bank and food bank delivery service 10am to 1pm Mon -Thurs and Saturday Mill Hill Library Building, Hartley Avenue, Mill Hill, London, NW7 2HX 0208 906 3125

International Gospel Church

102a Watling Avenue burnt Oak Women's Group- no referral needed. Wednesdays 10:30-11:30 bring a carrier bag.

2. Special Educational Needs

For **pupils with an EHCP**, your main contact continues to be your **SEN Caseworker**. If there are difficulties in contacting the SEN Caseworker, then please contact one of the senior managers: Angela Buckee (angela.buckee@barnet.gov.uk) or Caroline Crooke (caroline.crooke@barnet.gov.uk).

For children and young people who have an **EHCP where speech and language therapy, occupational therapy and/or physiotherapy is specified**, please contact the **Children's Integrated Care Liaison Officer (CICLO)** who is the first point of contact for parents/carers to advise on the service offer and queries that parent/carers may have:
Contact:

<https://www.nelft.nhs.uk/barnet-childrens-integrated-therapies>

Relevant information can also be found on **The Local Offer**. The link is on our website or you can google it.

We received a **letter via the local authority from Vicky Ford, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State** for Children and Families to children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND), their parents, families and others who support them.

The letter signposts key Covid-19 guidance published over the past week and draws attention to some statutory changes proposed in the Coronavirus Bill.
We will upload the letter onto the website.

Barnet Integrated Clinical Services (BICS) can offer support and guidance around **social, emotional, behavioural and mental health**.

Please phone **07926085495** to **speak to a professional who can help in making a referral to their services if needed or help if your child is already known to the service**.

Information about support for children and families and online counselling support for children and young people (KOOH) and for adults (QWELL) can be found at: <https://www.barnet.gov.uk/children-and-families/support-parents-and-carers/young-peoples-mental-health-and-well-being>

Mental Health

The following organisations have good websites to help.

· Anna Freud National Centre for Children and Families · Big White Wall · The Children's Society/The Resource Vault offers advice on a range of mental health issues for children and young people · Child Bereavement UK · Epic Friends · Healthwatch Essex · Kooth is a free, confidential, safe and anonymous way for young people aged 11-25 to ask for help from a team of highly qualified and experienced counsellors and support workers. · Mentally Healthy Schools · MindEd · My Mind · Papyrus · Samaritans · Time to Change · Young Minds / Crisis Messenger

And lastly,

School Work at Home

Our SENCO Mrs Bianco is also sending out some information about how to support children with EHCPs or special needs and disabilities.

This is not a time for frustration – if your child cannot do the work set (always more difficult without the school staff), maybe do something useful like play a board game or make a daily routine using clock times or count out things in 2s, 5, or 10 and so on.

We miss the children very much and wish you well in keeping safe and resilient during these times.

Take care,

Lindy Naphine

Designated Safeguarding Lead & Assistant Head for Inclusion