

Additional Support for Learning Information for Parents and Carers **Information to support families during establishment closures in response to COVID-19**

Additional Support for Learning (ASL) Service Supports

The Additional Support for Learning Service support children with complex additional support needs who are struggling to have their needs met in their school. As a result of school closures for many people, we will continue to try to provide a frontline service for our highest need pupils. We will work with wider partners to try to achieve this.

Useful Numbers

Please refer to the council main website for school closures updates:

- <https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk>

If you have a Child Protection concern please contact:

- Social Care Direct: cf.socialcaredirect@edinburgh.gov.uk

If your child is known to Psychological Services and you have concerns, please call:

- Psychological Services: 0131 469 2800

Edinburgh Together Parentline is also a helpful number to offer advice and support around:

- Accessing professional help
- Additional support needs
- Emotional wellbeing and mental health
- Family relationships
 - Edinburgh Together Parentline 08000 28 23 33

Keep Learning!

Your child's school should provide relevant suggested learning opportunities. You may also find these suggested websites helpful:

- <https://pages.sumdog.com/home-learning-during-school-closures/>
- https://petervermeulenblog.wordpress.com/2020/03/16/autism-and-the-corona-virus-20-tips/?fbclid=IwAR32vtZyNbJDNcy_5iR7Sp8H1CsiEyKW_Q5YLsdguzrbdnW3JbXglGSnp3l
- <https://youngminds.org.uk/blog/what-to-do-if-you-re-anxious-about-coronavirus/>
- Young Scot have many sections available to help. See below for hints and tips if you are worried about Coronavirus <https://young.scot/get-informed/national/tips-on-how-to-deal-with-the-coronavirus-outbreak>
- <https://www.itv.com/news/central/2020-03-17/self-isolation-protecting-your-mental-health-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/>
- <https://www.mind.org.uk/information-support/coronavirus-and-your-wellbeing/#collapse5c8f>
- <https://www.actionforhappiness.org>
- <https://theautismeducator.ie/2020/03/11/corona-virus-social-story/>