

One Minute Guide for Early Years Children with SEND and additional needs

Community Paediatricians Leighton – Letters have been sent to families cancelling their appointments and advising that they will keep their places on the waiting list when clinics resume

Paediatricians Macclesfield - The paediatricians are triaging all children that are already booked into the clinics, themselves. They will either be discharged back to GP, receive telephone appointment, deferred appointment or face to face (how this will work is still being discussed).

SALT South/Mid & North - Therapists are contacting any children on the waiting lists and triaging/advising. Complex children are being contacted on a regular basis by their SALT to work with their care plans and update where necessary. Those children with care plans should follow the advice in them. If they have no care plan accessible or parents don't understand what is advised, they could contact the service directly (South/Mid: 01270 275485/458) (North: 01625 661881 or ecn-tr.PavillionHousePaedsTherapies@nhs.net). Emails are checked regularly.

Follow **Cheshire East Chatters** Facebook page, each week will have a theme, they are underpinning it with 'top tips' for adult-child interaction to give specific ideas for parents. They are also posting lots of ideas around visual timetables. Promote traffic lights/visuals/natural gestures/encourage play and following the child's interests (any queries email beth.black@mcht.nhs.uk (South) and Trish Doran at trish.doran@mcht.nhs.uk (North)).

Useful National Campaigns: Tiny Happy People (BBC) and Hungry Little Minds (UK Gov)

OT/Physio South – Face to face stopped, parents to refer to child's latest assessment summary and goals containing the area of their child's development that are being worked on, from their therapist. H.V. service and parents can ring the Therapy services at Bevan House if they have any queries: 01270 275649

OT/Physio North - Face-to-face visits have all stopped, except in an emergency. Telephone contacts for other children to discuss individual targets on care plans and some SKYPE video calls where indicated. Contact Pavilion House as needed. This is subject to change as the current situation develops.

Early Start SEND team (Cheshire East) - All Targeted Support Officers are contacting their parents (incl. those with Needs Assessments/EHCPs underway) twice a week to offer guidance, on advice for activities, in the home based on the targets in their SEN Support plan. Activities are being compiled.

Other useful resources/websites

Cheshire East Livewell site Parenting Journey for activities for children & local SEND charities etc.
https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/livewell/local-offer-for-children-with-sen-and-disabilities/advice-and-support/advice-and-support.aspx
Cheshire East helpline if need support shopping, transport etc for all ages 0300 123 5034
Dept of Education 0800 046 8687 DfE.caronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk . This is for parents from Early Years to Uni for any queries regarding settings etc

The National Autistic Charity https://www.autism.org.uk
Cerebra Charity for children with brain conditions https://cerebra.org.uk/
Newlife the charity for disabled children https://newlifecharity.co.uk/index.php
Council for Disabled children (discusses Government legislation re COVID-19) https://councilfordisabledchildren.org.uk/
Down's Syndrome Association https://www.downs-syndrome.org.uk
Contact for families with disabled children https://contact.org.uk/
Parent Carer Forum cheshireeastpcf@gmail.com or 07794 431768
Ben Fogle – Instagram
Joe Wicks – Youtube Bollington Library facebook rhyme time story
Please add any on from your locality as you come across new resources 😊

