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School Update

Dear Parent /Carer,

I hope and trust you all remain well and safe during this difficult period.

On the 19th April 2020 the Government finally released some guidance to Special Schools in support of dealing with Corvid- 19

I have had time to read this guidance and below I have attached the link for your information.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-send-risk-assessment-guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-send-risk-assessment-guidance>

I am pleased to say that Ravenswood School acted appropriately before this guidance was issued which has ensured that our pupils and staff have so far remained safe.

One area from the guidance that now needs addressing is for those families where children and young people whose condition prevents or inhibits self-regulation and whose behaviours cannot be supported or managed by parents or carers at home; or where this would place a risk to other siblings or family members.

The school Risk Assessment has identified many families who come under this category.

I am on Thursday meeting with representatives of North Somerset Council and will be addressing this issue among others. I will inform parents as soon as I have a way forward.

Also in the news this week there remains speculation about when schools will reopen.

I was pleased to see the secretary of state was quick to respond to the newspaper speculation when he stated yesterday that "no decision has been made on when we will reopen schools. I can reassure schools and parents that they will only reopen when the scientific advice indicates that it is the right time to do so."

As soon as I have any further information I will let you know.

- Moving forward, the school has re-opened to some pupils week beginning 20th April 2020.

- Teachers are still available daily for advice and support via email.
- A Senior Leader will be in school each day if you need to talk to us.
- Work is being planned to be sent home every fortnight.
- Each week Senior Leaders will be risk assessing all of our pupils and if space becomes available, we will see if we can allocate your child a place. These risk assessments will be completed on a case by case basis.

I hope you all continue to remain safe during these unprecedented times.

If I can help in any way please do not hesitate to contact me

Take care

Mark Senior