

SENCO Bulletin Issue 23

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1. **SNAS in the current situation:**

What challenging times for all of us! I'll put together an email with an update on how SNAS are working – we currently have no phone line with the whole team working from home, so please email your CM or the EDSNAS@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk inbox to make contact. Please continue with Annual Reviews as virtual meetings where you can – with the Year 5s being the highest priority. Many Thanks and take care.

2. **Year 5 EHCP Parents Evening: Thursday 23rd April 2020 CANCELLED**

Due to the current situation in relation to COVID-19 and Council advice on events for the foreseeable future, we have decided to cancel this event. Depending on how the situation develops, it may be reorganised for the summer term or information will be sent out to parents in relation to the process for applying for Secondary Schools.

3. **Guidance from UCL Institute of Education**

Over the coming weeks they will be uploading a series of resources and information packs to their website (www.ucl.ac.uk/ioe-cie) aimed at helping parents of children with SEND during the period of school closures.

Attached is a document entitled *Managing the transition to home schooling*. Please feel free to forward this to any parents who have approached you regarding steps they should take now that their children will be at home for an extended period. As they add new resources, they will send out notifications on their Twitter account @CIE_IOE .

4. **Contact Wandsworth**

Please note updated information and guidelines from Contact Wandsworth in relation to current government advice surrounding COVID-19.

They have been advised by Contact Head Office to cease all face to face office appointments, home visits, coffee mornings and Drop Ins as well as postpone scheduled Easter events and workshops.

5. **"It's Good to Talk": Wellbeing Coaching Support from Tim Ryan**

Professional and personal coaching and support for Wandsworth School Staff.

Tim is offering 60-minute phone, Skype video calls or online chat sessions for those who are struggling with current situation and may need more support.