SEND SUPPORT / 27.05.20

Dear Parents / Carers,

Again, we send our best wishes to you all during these difficult times. We hope that you are still well and that you have found some of the SEND resources helpful.

As time goes by and with some children coming back to school, whilst others stay at home, it is a particularly difficult time for children to process their emotions. It is natural for them to have mixed feelings and therefore this week, we enclose a further range of websites that external agencies have shared with us to support their Social, Emotional and Mental Health.

As we have made this a focus over the last few weeks, please look back through the SEND recommendations for further advice.

Internet Safety also continues to be paramount and therefore we share further resources for you to explore.

If you would like any further advice that has not been included so far, please e-mail enquires@cranwell.lincs.sch.uk and your message will be passed on to us accordingly.

Many thanks & stay safe, the SEND / Pastoral Team ©

Support / Information and advice for parents and pupils with SEND

A reminder of current Government recommendations

https://www.gov.uk/guidance/help-children-with-send-continue-their-education-during-coronavirus-covid-19

Further support and advice may be gained from the NSPCC website. It has Safeguarding advice as well as advice for parents and carers on supporting children with SEND during the coronavirus (COVID 19). It is very useful and has a wealth of resources

https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/coronavirus-supporting-children-special-educational-needs-disabilities

If you would like to know more about the changes to the law on EHCPs and assessments during COVID 19, please have a look at https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/changes-to-the-law-on-education-health-and-care-needs-assessments-and-plans-due-to-coronavirus

Also updated on the 26th May 2020 – Supporting children and young people with SEND as schools and colleges prepare for wider opening https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-send-risk-assessment-guidance

If you need further support, the Lincolnshire Parent Carer Forum can be reached on

https://www.lincspcf.org.uk/

Also Liaise is a free, confidential and impartial Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) Information and Support Service for Lincolnshire. They offer information and advice about SEND to parents, young people and children (0-25vrs)

https://lincolnshire.fsd.org.uk/kb5/lincs/fsd/family.page?familychannel=2 1 11

https://www.facebook.com/LiaiseLincolnshire/?pageid=1517132591860219&ftentidentifier=2530420847198050&padding=0

Some Gov recommended online SEND resources for Home Education / Updated 22/05/20

Do2Learn (USA)

Website: https://do2learn.com/

<u>Description</u>: a range of downloadable resources grouped by theme. Themes

include: social skills, songs and games, and picture cards.

Registration: not required

Inclusive Teach

Website: https://inclusiveteach.com/free-printable-sen-teaching-resources/
Description: downloadable and printable accessible teaching resources for parents and teachers to support pupils with a range of SEND needs, including Autism, PMLD, SLCN, MLD, SLD.

SEND Gateway

Website: https://www.sendgateway.org.uk/whole-school-send/find-wss-resources/ngt-videos.html

<u>Description:</u> guidance videos created in collaboration with the Centre for Education and Youth (CfEY) to increase the knowledge and awareness of a range of SEND conditions. Aimed at newly qualified teachers but also provides helpful resources and tips that will be useful for parents

SEN Teacher

Website: https://www.senteacher.org/

<u>Description:</u> downloadable and printable resources that can be adapted to suit the needs of pupils. Resources are aimed at a range of abilities. Website has over 300,000 regular users and is suitable for both parents and teachers

Speech and Language Kids

Website: https://www.speechandlanguagekids.com/free-speech-language-resources/

<u>Description:</u> an extensive range of education and therapy resources for parents and teachers of children with speech and language problems. A podcast is also available on iTunes for verbal and non-verbal children

The Autism Page

Website: https://www.theautismpage.com/

<u>Description:</u> online support and information aimed at supporting parents with young autistic children. Information and ideas to support the implementation of autism specific teaching methods

UCL Centre for Inclusive Education

Website: https://www.ucl.ac.uk/ioe/departments-and-centres/centres/centre-inclusive-education/homeschooling-children-send/managing-transition-home-schooling

<u>Description</u>: a guide to help parents adjust to remote learning by providing advice and links to resources

The Child Bereavement Network

Website: http://www.childhoodbereavementnetwork.org.uk/covid-19.aspx

Key stages: early years foundation stage to key stage 2

<u>Description:</u> advice on supporting grieving children during the coronavirus

outbreak.

Further Information / courses to support pupils going back to school

This course is led by Lynn McCann and it is for parents and teaching staff https://www.schudio.tv/courses/preparing-autistic-send-children-for-going-back-to-school.

A further course linked to transition

https://www.schudio.tv/courses/the-big-transitions-for-autistic-and-send-pupils-after-lockdown?

For younger children Twinkl has a range of resources https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resource/who-is-in-my-bubble-nz-e-180

https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resource/keep-safe-keep-your-distance-display-poster-t-tp-2549896

 $\frac{https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resource/safe-and-unsafe-returning-to-school-sorting-activity-t-tp-2549948}{}$

Gov recommended links to online safety

Support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online includes http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/provides advice from the National Crime Agency (NCA) on staying safe online. Further support can be accessed via;

<u>Parent info</u> is a collaboration between Parentzone and the NCA providing support and guidance for parents from leading experts and organisations

<u>Childnet</u> offers a toolkit to support parents and carers of children of any age to start discussions about their online life, to set boundaries around online behaviour and technology use, and to find out where to get more help and support

<u>Internet Matters</u> provides age-specific online safety checklists, guides on how to set parental controls on a range of devices, and a host of practical tips to help children get the most out of their digital world

<u>London Grid for Learning</u> has support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online, including tips to keep primary aged children safe online

<u>Net-aware</u> has support for parents and carers from the NSPCC and O2, including a guide to social networks, apps and games

<u>Let's Talk About It</u> has advice for parents and carers to keep children safe from online radicalisation

<u>U K Safer Internet Centre</u> has tips, advice, guides and other resources to help keep children safe online, including parental controls offered by home internet providers and safety tools on social networks and other online services

Further Social, Emotional and Mental Health Support

The ELSA website has a range of free resources to support wellbeing https://www.elsa-support.co.uk/category/free-resources/coronavirus-support/

Further support agencies that provide advice and support are;

https://www.mind.org.uk/information-support/coronavirus/coronavirus-and-your-wellbeing/

https://youngminds.org.uk/

https://www.childline.org.uk/

https://www.annafreud.org/coronavirus-support/support-for-early-years/

https://www.minded.org.uk/

https://www.actionforchildren.org.uk/support-for-parents/children-s-mental-health/

Healthy Minds have shared a vast range of strategies with us during previous weeks, they are still accessible on the previous School SEND downloads - they include workshops, workbooks, relaxation techniques and resources to support Social, Emotional and Mental health

https://www.lpft.nhs.uk/young-people/lincolnshire/parents-and-carers/support-services/healthy-minds-lincolnshire

https://www.lpft.nhs.uk/application/files/7415/6483/8078/HML - Parent Pack.pdf

If you still have concerns about a child or young person's emotional wellbeing please contact Healthy Minds on the 'Here4You' line which is operational

Here4You line on 01522 309120

Lincolnshire has further bolstered its commitment to mental health with the launch of a new confidential mental health and emotional wellbeing helpline. By calling 0800 001 4331 you can speak to a member of a highly trained and experienced team of support workers who will be able to provide appropriate support- please see the above website

Also, self-referrals can be made through Steps2change online https://www.lpft.nhs.uk/steps2change/accessing-our-services/self-referral