

Policy Briefing June 2020

Issue	Updates
<p>Updates around SEND guidance COVID-19</p> <p>Modifications to the Children and Families Act 2014</p> <p>Phased reopening of schools</p> <p>Updated community health services guidance published</p> <p>Minister Fords open letter to SEND sector schools opening</p>	<p>The government has announced temporary changes to the law on Education, Health and Care (EHC) needs assessments and plans, with the aim of giving local authorities, health commissioning bodies, education settings and others who contribute to these processes more flexibility in responding to the demands placed on them by coronavirus..</p> <p>https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/changes-to-the-law-on-education-health-and-care-needs-assessments-and-plans-due-to-coronavirus</p> <p>https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/reopening-schools-and-other-educational-settings-from-1-june</p> <p>https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-educational-and-childcare-settings-to-prepare-for-wider-opening-from-1-june-2020</p> <p>https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-implementing-protective-measures-in-education-and-childcare-settings</p> <p>https://www.england.nhs.uk/coronavirus/publication/covid-19-prioritisation-within-community-health-services-with-annex-19-march-2020/</p> <p>http://www.nnpcf.org.uk/minister-fords-open-letter-with-regards-to-send-sector-schools-opening-this-week/</p>

<p>The Women and Equalities Committee Inquiry: Impact that the Coronavirus – and measures to tackle it - is having on people with protected characteristics under the Equality Act</p>	<p>NNPCF have submitted a written response.http://www.nnpcf.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2014/03/Covid-19-impact-on-people-with-protected-characteristics-Inquiry-NNPCF-response-April-2020.pdf</p>
<p>The Education Select Committee is looking at how the outbreak of COVID-19 is affecting all aspects of the education sector and children’s social care system and will scrutinise how the Department for Education is dealing with the situation</p>	<p>NNPCF have submitted written evidence to the Education Commons Select Committee Inquiry into the impact of Covid-19 on Education and Children Services.</p> <p>https://committees.parliament.uk/writtenevidence/5745/pdf/</p>
<p>Public Accounts Committee has published its review into SEND</p>	<p>https://committees.parliament.uk/work/35/support-for-children-with-special-educational-needs-and-disabilities/publications/</p>
<p>SEN Transport</p>	<p>LGSCO upheld complaint against Bromley SEND transport policy</p> <p>https://www.lgo.org.uk/decisions/education/school-transport/19-000-391</p>
<p>Latest SEN2 Data has been published</p>	<p>https://explore-education-statistics.service.gov.uk/find-statistics/education-health-and-care-plans</p>
<p>Disabled Children Partnership</p>	<p>DCP have published their report on how disabled children and their families have been impacted by the</p>

	<p>lockdown.</p> <p>https://disabledchildrenspartnership.org.uk/left-in-lockdown/</p>
Talking Point Updates	<p>http://www.nnpcf.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/12/Talking-points-Joint-Commissioning-v2.pdf</p> <p>http://www.nnpcf.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/12/Talking-points-Short-breaks-v.2.pdf</p>