



Integrated Community Paediatric Services

19th March 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Following the decision to close schools until further notice, we would like to remind you of the main base numbers where you can contact staff for advice or with any queries.

Occupational Therapy Team(OT)	Main Base Child Development Centre. BSE	01284 741714
Physiotherapy Team (PT)	Main Base Child Development Centre. BSE	01284 741786
Speech and Language Therapy Team (SLT)	Main Base Child Development Centre. BSE	01284 741732

OTHER USEFUL NUMBERS

Wheelchair Services including repairs	01473 351805
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We understand families will have many concerns in the current situation. We have been working on a range of measures to offer ongoing support and advice to ensure that your child's therapy needs can continue to be met at home.

- We are working on getting critical equipment only held at school into the home environment ASAP
- We will be limiting therapeutic face to face contact to those children with critical needs. We consider those to be:
 - Children who have marked charges in their mobility (and ability to transfer etc.)
 - Children who develop pain that requires assessment
 - Critical equipment / orthotic / lycra / splinting needs. This includes set up of equipment to support postural management and maintain range and function

For advice around feeding and swallowing concerns, please contact the Speech and Language Therapy team.

We are in the process of developing **individual supportive home management advice** and reminders. These will be sent out to homes in the coming weeks. We recognise that families support their children on a daily basis. However the current situation is highly unusual and we hope that refreshing the management plans and considering most important therapeutic activity to implement at home will be useful.

We will also be offering telephone advice and review to all families on request.

Yours sincerely

The Therapy Teams