



SEND Policy COVID-19 Addendum September 2020

To support students at Bishop Stopford's School with SEND in the return to school from the covid-19 lockdown and subsequent recovery period we will endeavour to do the following:

1. Make our resources and routines accessible for all pupils including using visual aids to communicate essential health and safety information and any new protocols.
2. Use social stories where appropriate to show pupils what to expect and why in different social situations.
3. Speak to pupils clearly about what's going on including:
 - Why face masks need to be worn
 - Why pupils will have to wash their hands more often, and sit further apart
 - Why friendship groups might be broken up for a while
 - Why the school will be divided into zones
4. Show pupils that their feelings are normal

It is important that we help our students with SEND adjust to school life as many will have found lockdown very difficult, both socially and emotionally. We are mindful that we might need to offer additional support to help address any challenging behaviours or social and emotional struggles pupils may be facing and have considered this in our behaviour policy.

We will continue to use our covid-19 risk assessments to support our EHCP pupils and any pupils we feel are most vulnerable.

We will also ensure that students with SEND are fully supported with remote learning in the event that we return to any lockdown situations as guided by the DFE and Public Health England.