



Supporting Children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) during the coronavirus pandemic

The current crisis is particularly challenging for children and young people with SEND along with their families and the people who support them. It can be a frightening time for children who may not understand all the changes that are happening around them. There are lots of resources online to support your child at this time.

You may find it helpful to use social stories to explain the sudden changes, using a visual timetable can help children and young people to understand the routines and there are lots of activities you can do at home to support your child's sensory needs. You can ask your child's school or other practitioners who are supporting your child for help to develop social stories or visual timetables or advise on activities to do at home.

- The [National Autistic Society](#) have published guidance on how to support your child with autism during this time
- [Mencap](#) have produced an easy read guide to coronavirus
- The UK charity [Special Needs and Parents \(SNAP\)](#) has a coronavirus family guide
- The [Disabled Children's Partnership](#) has a coronavirus help and support page