

Granville Academy

September date on COVID-19, school re-opening and SEN provision

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At Granville Academy, we are regularly updating our information about how the COVID-19 measures will affect children and young people with **special educational needs and disabilities (“SEND”)**.

The return to school has been challenging for all concerned, and we hope the information here helps to set out what the legal duties of our school and local authorities will be in relation to children and young people with SEND.

We will keep the page updated with any changes that happen.

The Government reissued its [guidance](#) for parents and carers in September. It also updated its main [guidance](#) for the full re-opening of schools in August. It's important to note that this is *not* statutory guidance – but although there's no duty to have regard to it, Granville Academy has used this to plan re-opening and how education will be delivered in the Autumn 2020 term. This is in our Risk Assessment that is published on our school website.

School Re-Opening and SEND Provision

The Covid-19 SEND Assessment is now supported by the whole school Risk Assessment. In relation to SEND provision, it's important to note that, whilst we have had to make changes to the way we deliver education to ensure the education environment is as safe as possible from the risk of coronavirus, our [statutory duties](#) for children and young people with SEND remain the same.

If you have questions about how SEN Support will be delivered on return to education in September, please speak to our SENDCO, Mrs Hill on 01283 216765 or email: nhill.horninglow@deferrers.com

SEND Key headlines are: -

- In the event of a local lockdown, Alternative Provision will remain open even in a Tier 4 lockdown.
- All schools need to think of bespoke and creative ways to support children with SEND remotely.
- School to undertake reviews of their students to try to identify gaps in learning and barriers to learning arising from their prolonged periods of absence.
- School may request an EHC needs assessment if currently receiving SEN Support, or by seeking amendments to an EHC plan which no longer meets need.