

# SUPPORT TO MAINSTREAM SCHOOLS DURING AND AFTER COVID-19



During the current period, Pupil and School Support will continue to provide regular ongoing advice through your PSS teacher who can be contacted via email or telephone.

## Casework

Until schools are fully open, PSS are unable to carry out individual assessments. We can offer:

- consultation around individual cases already on caseload, including multi-agency meetings via audio conferencing, email and telephone
- follow up reports for existing cases to complete work already undertaken.
- advice around SEND Support Provision Plans or statutory assessment work
- advice around strategies and activities to try for groups of children with SEND currently attending school

## Staff Continuous Professional Development

During time spent working from home, there are the following opportunities for staff development:

- Free online courses available here: [acesstoeducation.birmingham.gov.uk/online-training](https://acesstoeducation.birmingham.gov.uk/online-training) including FREE access to the Language and Literacy and Maths toolkit training, for Birmingham schools.
- Encourage staff to look at the information on Birmingham SENCoZone via the Access to education website [acesstoeducation.birmingham.gov.uk/senco-zone-home](https://acesstoeducation.birmingham.gov.uk/senco-zone-home)

## When schools return PSS can provide advice and support as follows:

- Advice around resumption of interventions, including short diagnostic assessments to provide an interim baseline measure
- Support for SENCOs with identification and implementation of immediate strategic priorities
- Support for SENCOs and teaching staff around High-Quality Teaching responses to support pupils' needs within a different learning environment