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Dear Head Teacher

### **Provision of Solent NHS Trust's Childrens Services within Schools**

We are writing to give you a quick update on how we are planning to re-start the delivery of Solent NHS Trust Children's Services within the school setting as schools begin welcoming back all pupils. We know that this has been a difficult journey for all concerned as we collectively work towards our new normal and we wanted to acknowledge and express our thanks for the amount of work that has been undertaken by our collective services to ensure that the return to school is as smooth and safe as possible for all children, staff and visitors.

We are pleased to advise that the full breadth of Solent NHS Trust Children's services are open for referrals, triage, remote and face to face assessments and interventions as they were before the school closure in March 2020. Referral criteria and contacts (phone numbers/email addresses etc) remain unchanged. This is true for all services that you would expect to see in the school, including, School Nurses, Childrens Therapists, CAMHS practitioners as well as community paediatricians. We have advised our staff that where face to face interventions are required to meet the needs of children, then these interventions should take place within the school. In order to safely do this, we will follow government advice with regard to personal and protective equipment which currently proposes that a face mask should be worn at all times and that when doing interventions within a 2m proximity of the child that gloves, eye protection and aprons are also worn

We also recognise the very unusual circumstance schools find themselves operating from in terms of one way systems, bubbles, hand washing stations etc and we are cognisant of the challenge this gives and aware that our staff and the interventions they need to provide may add an extra dimension or complexity to this. We have briefed our staff regarding the importance of striking the correct balance between the clinical need to undertake the health intervention with the impact this may have on the school day to day management processes and have encouraged them all to work alongside education colleagues to enable both priorities to be delivered. We are sure that we can rely upon your support regarding this approach on collaborative working as we have had (and will continue to have) very positive working relationships between education and health partners

*If you have any questions or comments about the restart of Solent NHS Trusts Children's services within your school, please do not hesitate to contact us on either [richard.brown@solent.nhs.uk](mailto:richard.brown@solent.nhs.uk) or [stephanie.clark@solent.nhs.uk](mailto:stephanie.clark@solent.nhs.uk) and we will be only too glad to offer support and advise as appropriate*



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Yours sincerely

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Operations Director, Children & Families (East)

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Stephanie Clark, Head of Quality and Professions