

# SEND NEWS SPLASH

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## Enjoying home schooling and appreciating those keeping the services going

Charlotte a parent from North Swindon told us "we have a school page where parents can send photos to each other. Here is the photo we have sent this week to the TAs, Teachers and Key Workers to say 'thank you' for the amazing work they are doing with those children that are still in school. I am loving home schooling my son. Giving him that one to one support that he needs has been amazing.

He is so happy and willing to learn at home. We are learning through play and it's all child led. A lovely silver lining for us!

I have also found a bond with my daughter who normally doesn't show affection or empathy, and today she has held my hand on our walk and came for a cuddle!"

We are getting messages from parents and carers that share how they are appreciating the virtual support they are continuing to get. One parent Courtney told us: "I think it is good that although you can't use some specialist services, they still support very well remotely.

For example the community nursing team and Hop Skip and Jump have been supporting us virtually and checking in. It may only be a small thing, but it feels nice to feel cared about and thought of and shows that many people care for our welfare. It made me smile receiving emails from HSJ and messages still. It is lovely people still go out of their way to support us even at a time where we are unable to use the service."

Another parent from Highworth said "My SENCO is in regular contact, just checking in with us and making sure we are ok and have everything we needs. "It has been nice to see parents supporting the school and teachers too. I think everyone realises we were all finding out things at the same time and that no one knew what was going to happen next. Everyone has pulled together and been supportive. It has been so nice to see." said Melanie from Purton.

Swindon Borough Council is working with Swindon SEND Families Voice to develop a set of frequently asked questions for Special Educational Needs around how the Coronavirus is impacting our SEND Services. These will be updated and added to as more information becomes available to us. These frequently asked questions will be available through the Swindon Local Offer and Swindon SEND Families Voice website and through the Swindon Borough Council communication channels. [Please click here for more information](#)

[There are also lots of resources and activity ideas available on the Local Offer website](#)

