



**Department of Education, Sport and Culture**  
***Rheynn Ynsee, Spoyrt as Cultoor***

**Guidance for pastoral support in the event of future outbreaks and school closures (including partial closure)**

**ALL PHASES**

Schools will continue to provide pastoral support to all pupils designed to:

- promote positive social engagement and relationships
- support pupils with approaches to maintaining and improving their physical and mental wellbeing

Schools will also provide more focused pastoral support where issues are identified that individual pupils may need help with, drawing on external support where necessary and possible. Schools will continue to support needs of particular groups they are already aware need additional help (for example, looked after children), and any groups they identify as newly vulnerable on their return to school. To support this, teachers may wish to access the [Inclusion and Safeguarding Coronavirus support site](#). This interactive space contains materials on transitions, peer support, resilience, stress, fear, trauma and bereavement.

Schools will continue to work with Inclusion and Safeguarding and other services to support the health and wellbeing of their pupils; these divisions have continued to offer support as pupils return to school in the following areas:

- support for resilience, mental health and wellbeing including anxiety, bereavement and sleep issues
- support for pupils with additional and complex health needs
- supporting vulnerable children and keeping children safe

In terms of monitoring remote attendance/engagement, if pupils are not checking in regularly this will be picked up by the school's monitoring systems\*, and if necessary by education liaison officers.

It should be noted that whilst schools regularly support the pastoral needs of all children, this is more challenging when placed in a remote context.

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\* Should a pupil not be visible at check ins or fail to engage for a period of up to one week, this would require intervention from the education service (School and/or Department)