

# **Council support for vulnerable pupils**

**The council has put plans in place to ensure learning continues for the city's vulnerable young people.**

**Two dedicated hub schools opened today for identified children with complex additional support needs, including those of key workers.**

A programme of activities, planned in conjunction with the pupils' own class teachers, will be delivered by staff from special schools and supported by teams from the Additional Support for Learning service (ASL). Both schools will continue to be open over the Easter holidays.

Other children and young people with additional support needs are being supported by their schools through a combination of video conferencing, online learning activities and learning packs which have been sent home by their schools.

Class teams are in regular contact with these pupils to support their wellbeing and ensure their learning continues with 250 iPads being allocated to allow face to face contact for vulnerable children.

Our schools are teaming up with psychological services and other partners to provide further family support, advice and remote learning for vulnerable pupils. The ASL service has shared a list of recommended resources and contact details with schools, early years settings and families to support children with complex needs.

The ASL teams have also put in place bespoke one to one

support for our children, young people and families with the highest need with a large focus being on the outdoors. To achieve this they will be using the hubs they have set up at [Urban Nature](#) and our own Seaview Centre.

We are currently working with partners to ensure that provision is available for children with complex additional support needs whose parents are key workers, and our children with the most complex needs, over the Easter holidays. Information about this will be shared directly with parents next week.

Council Leader Adam McVey said: “Our special schools and the Additional Support for Learning service have been working extremely hard to make sure parents and carers for children with additional support needs have been supplied with online and digital resources along with home learning materials.

“This is clearly a very worrying time for everyone in the city but even more so for those families with children who have additional support needs. The team have pulled out all the stops to ensure learning can continue for these young people and support for keyworker families continues.”

Depute Leader Cammy Day said: “Opening the two schools tomorrow means that those young people with the most complex needs will continue to receive learning and their parents and carers are being supported.

“This is very much a team effort and I would like to thank all partners for their support for our vulnerable learners during this challenging time.”