

## **Autism Panel assessments during the COVID-19 pandemic**

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you are all keeping well at these challenging times.

I just wanted to take this opportunity to reassure you that wherever possible autism panel assessments will still be going ahead.

We have been thinking of different ways of working through the coming months of social distancing and working from home, that will not impact your child's waiting time for a panel assessment. We have had a proposal agreed by Health and Education to hold virtual multi agency panel assessments during this time.

I would like to reassure you all that whilst this is a different way of working in the short term, we will ensure every case adheres to NICE guidelines.

Following on from your child's panel discussion the normal processes will still be in place, you will be informed of the panel outcome by a phone call from me and a letter sent to yourselves and school in the normal way. If you have any questions, worries or concerns, please get in touch. I will be happy to help.

Take care

**Elaine Walker**  
**ASC Pathway Manager**

E.Walker@wigan.gov.uk

01942 486284

07917235165