

NEW ROAD SCHOOL

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Parent Notice Regarding Use of Teletherapy

This notice is for Parents/Guardians who have children receiving IEP mandated related services at the New Road School of Parlin. Recently changes have been made to Special Education regulations allowing the use of virtual or remote learning of students by related services professionals this includes Speech Therapist, Occupational Therapists, Physical Therapists and Counselors.

The following is an excerpt from the new regulation: "as defined by N.J.A.C. 6A:14-5.2 shall ensure students with disabilities are provided the same educational opportunities provided to their nondisabled peers through electronic communications, virtual, remote, or other online platforms, as appropriate. The opportunities provided to students with disabilities shall be consistent with the student's IEP to the greatest extent possible. Further, during an extended public health-related school closure, related services to students with disabilities shall be provided through electronic communications, virtual, remote, or other online platforms, as appropriate and as required by the student's IEP to the greatest extent possible."

We will be sending out a form to you asking for your permission if you wish to receive related services through electronic communication, virtual, remote or other online platforms. We will also ask if you currently have the necessary equipment at home necessary to receive virtual or remote instruction, specifically a computer with online capabilities able to send in receive voice and video and an online service provider (Comcast, Verizon etc.).

Once permission is given we will contact you to determine what type of virtual communication is possible. We will post this message on the school website as well as the permission form you can download.

Please send the completed survey to <u>dcruz@nrsnj.com</u>. If you have any questions or concerns please contact me at 408-831-0258.

Thank you for your continued patience with us during these difficult times.