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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 Somerset. Recently changes have been made to Special Education regulations allowing the use of virtual or remote learning of students by related services professionals which includes Speech Therapists, Occupational Therapists, Physical Therapists and Counselors.

The following is an excerpt from Governor Murphy's executive order signed April 1st: **“ 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.”**

Enclosed is a form asking your permission if you wish to receive related services through electronic communication, virtual, remote or other online platforms.

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, which may be downloaded.

Please email the completed permission form to tcoleman@nrsnj or mail it to the above address. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Mr. Coleman at 732-271-5775, x 205.

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

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