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A full report for special schools in March 2021 will include the additional written feedback from the consultation about approaches/strategies, including those used for:

- mental health and well-being;
- aspects that are working well with remote learning;
- provision of feedback to pupils when learning remotely; and
- when pupils do not register or log-on.

The report will also include feedback on the barriers to pupil engagement with remote learning.

An ETI consultation on the delivery of remote learning in special schools

(from 25 January 2021 to 29 January 2021)

26 respondents (of 40 schools): 65%

Question/statement: Remote learning policy, protocols and expectations

Response and Percentage

The school has a remote learning policy	80.6%
The school has developed protocols for the safe use of technology	aa 4 6 4
in the delivery of remote learning	96.1%
The school has communicated expectations around remote learning to pupils	76.9%
The school has communicated expectations around remote learning to parents	100%
The school has communicated expectations around remote learning to staff The school has communicated expectations around remote learning to the	96.1%
board of governors	80.8%

Question/statement: Average pupil registration and log-on, to access activities, in line with the agreed approaches/expectations of the school (25-29 January 2021)

Response and Percentage

 Almost/nearly all (more than 90%)
 15.4%

 Most (75% - 90%)
 15.4%

 A majority (50% -74%)
 19.2%

 A significant minority (30% - 49%)
 26.9%

 A minority (10% -29%)
 15.4%

 Very few/a small number (less than 10%)
 7.7%





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Question/statement: Teaching approaches used for remote learning

Response and Percentage

Hard copy resources Online platforms Pre-recorded videos (asynchronous) Live teaching/sessions (synchronous) Weekly activity/work planner/newsletter Facilitating opportunities for pupils to work in pairs/groups Independent activities e.g. research or use of digital resources/programmes	96.1% 92.3% 88.5% 23% 73% 11.5% 73%
Question/statement: Continuing professional development for remote learning	
Response and Percentage	
EA continuing professional development for remote learning In-house continuing professional development for remote learning Other providers' continuing professional development for remote learning	34.6% 88.5% 38%
Question/statement: External support for remote learning	
Response and Percentage	
None Support from the COVID-19 link officer (CCMS, CSSC, EA and ETI) Support from the Employing Authority Support from the ETI Support from other body/organisation Not answered	42% 31% 27% 23% 19% 38.5%
Question/statement: Publications for remote learning	
Response and Percentage	
CCEA Guidance DE Guidance EA Supporting Learning hub ETI Publications Other	30.8% 65.4% 73% 65.4% 15.4%

Other None

ETI website





11.5%