A few brief thoughts

In general families have been amazing and stoical when I have spoken with them

Practical issues predominate

Children with neurodevelopmental variation have had variable responses- some have loved lockdown as it has removed the thing that they fear the most- the transition to school-my concern would be the transition out of lockdown

Those whose life experience may have reflected trauma relating to family functioning may have had a very different experience- some have shown distressed behaviours, some have absconded

Poverty is a huge factor

Barriers due to language are a concern even with good access to interpreters- this may reflect professionals anxiety in part as adapting to new ways of working is one thing- doing so via an interpreter adds another layer of stress

Referrals to safeguarding have been low- worrying

We have developed a multiagency advice line and weekly virtual Multi agency meeting to prioritise access to support and where appropriate school HWB access- this has built steadily- it has removed barriers to access to advice and support and allowed us to work as a more efficient team-worth considering retention of this post covid- it would be good to review and get feedback once feasible