



In response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, [The Disability Representation Unit](#), a London based social enterprise providing legally based advice and advocacy to parents and carers of children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disability has launched a FREE text message alert service today to the general public that delivers coronavirus (COVID-19) related news coming in and information issued by [GOV.UK](#) departments and other organisations as it relates to Special Educational Needs and Disability.

The COVID-19 text message alert service was developed by The Disability Representation Unit team to help families with disabled children and young adults stay up to date with timely, authoritative, and targeted information directly to any SMS-enabled mobile phones on the Government's strategy on education and social care.

"We are paying close attention to the Government's response to ensuring that statutory obligations to safeguard and promote the welfare of vulnerable children and adults is not compromised during this outbreak. There must be absolutely no gaps in provision" said The Disability Representation Unit's founder, Beverly Sowah, "the news media moves fast and at this time, families are having to prioritise their caring responsibilities for their disabled children and young adults especially when schools and colleges are being closed. We are providing these FREE text message alerts, so parents don't miss out on key information on Government guidance and other news on the matters that affect them the most."

Text: COVID to 88802 to subscribe to the service. At no additional cost if you have an unlimited texting plan. Otherwise standard network rates may apply. Check with network provider.

To find out more, visit thedru.co.uk

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Note to Editors:

For more information, contact Beverly at info@thedru.co.uk or 07535 102 131 available for comment

About The Disability Representation Unit and founder

The Disability Representation Unit was founded by a girl who was set to practice at the Criminal Bar. She graduated with an LLB, studied for the New York State Bar with BARBRI and enrolled on the Bar Professional Training Course.

Her autistic brother shaped her interest in Special Educational Needs and Disability. What started out as a big sister's love and pride in advocating for her disabled brother to fight for his support and provision, quickly transformed into a social enterprise that now gives legally based advice to families to understand their children's legal rights and entitlements across special education and social care provision.