# Making sure injustices do not go unchallenged - A social enterprise defending families with Special Educational Needs and Disability launches COVID-19 FREE text message alert service

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In response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, The Disability Representation Unit, a London based social enterprise providing legally based advise 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 Governments strategy on education and social care.

"We are paying close attention to the Governments 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 new 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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**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.

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