Highfield Primary School



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Dear Parents/Carers

Following advice from the government, the list of key workers can be found here:

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-andlocal-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision Childcare places at schools are intended for families who have no other adult at home to look after children and who are immediately required in the response to this virus. If the provision is too large it negates any benefits of the social distancing measures the government has imposed and through associated contacts children and staff will be exposed to unacceptable risk. This is not 'business as usual' and all medical advisers are clear that the safest place for children and families to be at present is **at home with as little social contact as possible**.

The primary function of the school is now to provide child care, so to do this effectively the school hours will be from **8am to 5:45pm** from **Monday to Friday** although **places are limited** due to reduced staff capacity.

At the time of writing the only food we can only provide is a packed lunch to children entitled to free school meals. If your child does not fit into this category, please provide your child with enough food for the day. If they are with us from 8am to 5:45pm we would suggest a breakfast snack, a packed lunch and an afternoon snack.

Please email <u>office@highfield-pri.enfield.sch.uk</u> by **<u>12:30pm today</u>** to give us information about your situation and **why** you require school based childcare. This will enable us to plan accordingly and deploy staff appropriately.

- Your name
- Your child's name and class
- If your child has an EHCP and is considered vulnerable
- If you are a Key worker (please specify your job, where you work incl. postcode and be advised you may be required to show evidence)
- What hours you would like your child to attend (maximum is 8am to 5:45pm Monday-Friday) Please note: We cannot guarantee
 these hours

The current guidance around self-isolation regarding symptoms of coronavirus including a temperature of over 37.8°C and/or a persistent cough are still in force. In the next few days, school leaders will have to make some incredibly difficult decisions and hold some incredibly challenging conversations with families who are understandably concerned. We ask that you please work with us and not against us as we do this.

You will be notified by text by the end of the day if your child qualifies. The school will **not allow** children who come to school without prior agreement.

Yours Sincerely

Mr Wilson Headteacher

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