



Thursday 19th March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

Provision of care for the children of key workers

Following on from earlier communication, it is clear that we need to think about provision for 'key worker' children from Monday. At the time of writing, the official guidance from the government has not been provided and therefore we need to make a best guess as to the jobs and roles which may be included.

Health workers
Workers looking after the vulnerable and elderly
Teachers and nursery nurses, teaching assistants
Firefighters
Prison officers and some other Prison staff
Environmental Health Officer
Police officers and Community Support Officers

Supermarket delivery drivers
Probation Service staff
Social workers
Local Authority Planners
Some Ministry of Defence personnel
Highway Agency Traffic Officers
Some civilian police staff

I will understand the extent of what we are being asked to do once guidance is published but we also want to provide the best possible provision for our school community. I believe the provision is for families where couples (both parents) or single parents are key workers. That being said, please do contact me if you feel you need the school to support you.

I hope there will be no need to ask for proof of employment and I can take this on trust. The reason for closing schools for the majority and allowing only a few pupils to attend is to minimise social interaction and maintain social distancing.

I have been in discussion with Mrs Avey regarding the additional wraparound provision some families use. Highbury is planning to maintain their breakfast club service but will no longer serve food. Pupils will need to be fed before they attend. Fun Club is no longer going to run. Additional support for pupils after the end of the school day is again something which may evolve over time.

Pupils who attend from Monday will need to bring with them their 'home learning pack'. They do not need to wear school uniform but I ask that they do wear a school uniform top. For most, this will be their sweatshirt. We are currently negotiating with Herts Catering who are planning on providing meals for those who currently have a cooked lunch.

For the time being this provision will run during normal school hours.



I am sure it goes without saying that particularly in these circumstances the current rules and advice surrounding self-isolation **must** be followed.

If you think your child is eligible for a place please would you contact me as soon as possible via email: consult@whitehill.herts.sch.uk It would also be helpful to have an indication as to what days you would like this provision. It is not a requirement that it is five days a week.

Again, this is an ever-evolving situation and as details become clearer we will be in touch.

Yours sincerely,



Steve Mills
Headteacher

