

Dear parents:

Happy New Year 2021 to one and all.

As a school we will do all we can to carry on and support you and your families in these worrying times.

The government has confirmed that primary schools in London will remain closed for the start of the new term for all but a few children. All primary schools in the capital are now required to provide remote learning after a further review of coronavirus transmission rates. Details of remote learning to follow. This is being reviewed again by the government on Monday 18 January 2021.

We have a number of staff currently self-isolating with the virus so we are operating with a reduced staff.

The provision for Key Worker pupils / Vulnerable pupils / Pupils with EHC plans will be daily between 9-3.15pm. This will remain the same as we did in the Spring and Summer terms and be in small groups. This will start on Wednesday 6 January 2021.

This provision is only for those that have parents/carers in work (NHS, emergency services and other essential key workers listed below).

We will provide a packed lunch.

We have a list from March to July 2020 of children who attended but I am aware that some new children who joined in September may also need provision.

Please email the school on admin@olsj.hackney.sch.uk with the Title : **School place requested January 2021.**

Let me know if you will be requiring a place and email or phone call through notification of your key worker status. If you have done this before we do not require proof again. Call between 8.30am and 11.00am tomorrow January 5th. (0207 254 7353).

Some children were part-time- please let us know what days they will need so that we can organise staffing and timetables etc.

Please let us know by 11am tomorrow so groups can be allocated.

As last year anyone concerned about attendance need not worry we fully understand if you do not wish to send your child in and no fines will be issued.

Wishing you all well.

Yours sincerely,
Sean Flood (Headteacher)

KEY WORKERS-

Health and social care

This includes but is not limited to doctors, nurses, midwives, paramedics, social workers, care workers, and other frontline health and social care staff including volunteers; the support and specialist staff required to maintain the UK's health and social care sector; those working as part of the health and social care supply chain, including producers and distributors of medicines and medical and personal protective equipment.

Education and childcare

This includes nursery and teaching staff, social workers and those specialist education professionals who must remain active during the COVID-19 response to deliver this approach.

Key public services

This includes those essential to the running of the justice system, religious staff, charities and workers delivering key frontline services, those responsible for the management of the deceased, and journalists and broadcasters who are providing public service broadcasting.

Local and national government

This only includes those administrative occupations essential to the effective delivery of the COVID-19 response or delivering essential public services such as the payment of benefits, including in government agencies and arms length bodies.

Food and other necessary goods

This includes those involved in food production, processing, distribution, sale and delivery as well as those essential to the provision of other key goods (for example hygienic and veterinary medicines).

Public safety and national security

This includes police and support staff, Ministry of Defence civilians, contractor and armed forces personnel (those critical to the delivery of key defence and national security outputs and essential to the response to the COVID-19 pandemic), fire and rescue service employees (including support staff), National Crime Agency staff, those maintaining border security, prison and probation staff and other national security roles, including those overseas.

Transport

This includes those who will keep the air, water, road and rail passenger and freight transport modes operating during the COVID-19 response, including those working on transport systems through which supply chains pass.

Utilities, communication and financial services

This includes staff needed for essential financial services provision (including but not limited to workers in banks, building societies and financial market infrastructure), the oil, gas, electricity and water sectors (including sewerage), information technology and data infrastructure sector and primary industry supplies to continue during the COVID-19 response, as well as key staff working in the civil nuclear, chemicals, telecommunications (including but not limited to network operations, field engineering, call centre staff, IT and data infrastructure, 999 and 111 critical services), postal services and delivery, payments providers and waste disposal sectors.

If workers think they fall within the critical categories above they should confirm with their employer that, based on their business continuity arrangements, their specific role is necessary for the continuation of this essential public service.