



20<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

### **Keyworker childcare during Covid – 19 outbreak**

As all schools will be closed from Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March, in line with Government advice, we are able to provide key workers with childcare (not education) from Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March.

If you are in one of the sectors described by the government, (see separate **Government Info\_Who Are Key Workers?** document on the website) we hope to be able to support you with your childcare needs. The places will be limited and we will have to prioritise those in highest need.

There is acknowledgment that many parents working in these sectors may be able to ensure their child is kept at home and therefore, every child who can be safely cared for at home, should be. The advice is that where possible non-essential workers stay at home. If your work is critical to the COVID-19 response, or you work in one of the critical sectors listed on the document and you cannot keep your child safe at home, then your children will be prioritised for childcare provision. We will need your employers contact details and details of your working patterns week by week.

Please remember school staff and other children attending could already be infected and we have no way of knowing at present who is carrying the virus. Staff numbers are dropping and at some point it may be necessary for your child to attend another school building if we cannot maintain the service in your usual school.

If you want to be considered for a key worker place please fill in the form entitled **Application Form for Keyworker Child Care** and email to the appropriate email address below:

Gayhurst email: [admin@gayhurst.hackney.sch.uk](mailto:admin@gayhurst.hackney.sch.uk)

Kingsmead email: [admin@kingsmead.hackney.sch.uk](mailto:admin@kingsmead.hackney.sch.uk)

Mandeville email: [mdvoffice@mandeville.hackney.sch.uk](mailto:mdvoffice@mandeville.hackney.sch.uk)

We will call you to let you know whether we can accommodate your child by 2pm on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March and what the arrangements will be.

If your child is attending our childcare facilities they will be in a mixed aged class doing play based activities and will be provided with a lunch. Drop off will be at 9am and collection at 3.30pm

Yours faithfully,

**Louise Nichols, Marc Thompson, Evelyn Deeney and Karen Pedro**  
LEAP Schools' Executive Headteacher and Associate Headteachers

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[www.gayhurst.hackney.sch.uk](http://www.gayhurst.hackney.sch.uk)

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