

EMAIL UPDATE THURSDAY 19 MARCH

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your patience and understanding in these very difficult times. It was announced last night that schools would be closed from the end of the school day tomorrow (Friday).

However, it is our intention to be open from Monday to provide childcare arrangements for:

- Children of 'Key Workers'
- Children supported by Social Workers
- Children with Education and Health Care Plans (EHCPs)

We are still waiting for clarification from the government on which key workers will be included in this. If you believe you are a key worker, please complete the form attached and return to the school by tomorrow (Friday).

We will do our best to keep enough staff in school to provide childcare for these children. The offer to these parents will be childcare only, and will be subject to confirmation from school, and the school having sufficient staff to maintain this service. If your child falls into any of the categories above, they will **not** be obliged to attend school but the offer is there for you. Over the coming days we will be putting arrangements in place to inform any relevant parents on how this provision will be arranged. If a child is currently self-isolating, they will not be able to attend until the isolation period (14 days) has ended.

Free School Meals

We are awaiting further guidance on the provision of free school meals to children entitled to these who are off site. We will update you when we know more.

Learning Packs

Learning Packs will be sent home today and tomorrow. Packs for children currently absent or self-isolating will be available from the school office from Monday 23rd March. If you are already self-isolating, please send a family member or friend who does not live with you to collect your pack and drop it at your door for you. We will also post ideas for home study on the curriculum and class pages of the website <https://fieldinfants.herts.sch.uk/curriculum/>

We know you appreciate that the situation is changing quite rapidly and arrangements are being made on short timescales. We will aim to keep you advised of any changes that affect your child(ren).

Yours sincerely

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