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Coronavirus - School Closure Update:

Dear Parents and Carers.

The government have now published their guidance on how Key Workers can access schools working on a skeleton staff. Where possible children should be kept at home and only in circumstances where it is not possible to get child care should children of Key Workers be sent into school.

Booking

We want to be as flexible as possible and have made provision for a limited number of pupils on a daily basis (while we have staff able and well enough to cover). This provision needs to be **booked in advance** but can be done so on a needs basis (it does not have to be the same regular days). Bookings should be done by email before 2pm today for Monday (those of you who have already contacted us need not contact us again).

We will notify you via email if your child has been put on the list for care with us. Please do not turn up on the day expecting your child has a place if you have not pre-booked it.

Times

Any children accessing our provision should arrive at the usual start of school time (or from 7.45 to 8.15am if accessing Breakfast Club). Should you be able to collect them earlier than the end of the normal school day, please do so. Little Apples intend to run until 6pm. Normal charges apply for Breakfast Club and Little Apples.

<u>Curriculum</u>

Staff running the provision will not be providing the usual teaching opportunities but will be facilitating activities similar to a holiday club. Those children accessing the provision will need to wear old clothes and will need to bring in PE kit and/or wellies (to allow us flexibility to use the Forest School if needed). They will also need to bring with them a healthy snack, drink and packed lunch (we are still awaiting updates from our provider for Free School Meals).

Homework Packs

Pupils currently in school who will be staying at home will be coming home with activity packs and log in details today. These will be posted on Class Dojo too (and teachers will communicate on here with challenges too). Parents of those who are already self-isolating will be able to collect a pack from the office from Monday. Once again, we understand this is a time of great uncertainty and challenge. What we are providing is a guide only. We encourage you to share what your children have been doing on Class Dojo and Twitter. If you have any questions or queries about the work, please contact eduhelp@highgate.leics.sch.uk and a member of staff will endeavour to get back to you as soon as possible in working hours.

Once again, thank you for your continued patience and understanding during this difficult time.

Kind regards

Mr T. Jenkinson Headteacher