

Highgate School Closure/Response to COVID19

Frequently Asked Questions

- 1) I am a key worker. Do I have to use the school facility?
It is recommended that children remain at home where possible. Anyone whose parents are considered Key Workers may use the school as child care provision as necessary. Every child that can be safely cared for at home, should be. If you are going to use the facility, please keep us up to date with which days you will need. Remember to book Little Apples separately.
- 2) If my child accesses the school provision, do they have to come every day?
No. Please contact the office to book your place(s) in advance so we know how many children we will be caring for?
- 3) How do I know if I am a Key Worker?
Please visit the government website for further clarification - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>
- 4) If I am self-isolating how long should I keep my child(ren) off for?
Government Guidelines state the whole family should be kept in isolation for 14 days. If towards the end of that period, a member shows symptoms, they need to isolate for a further 7 days.
- 5) Will provision be made over the Easter holiday?
Some provision will be made. We are currently investigating what can be offered and will keep people updated as and when.
- 6) Will food be provided?
Packed lunches will be provided for children entitled to Free School Meals only. All other children will need to bring in a packed lunch. All children can bring in a snack and drink. Contact school to keep us informed for free school meals.
- 7) Does my child have to wear school uniform?
No. Children can wear old clothes. They will need to bring in PE kit and wellies (so we can access Forest Schools).
- 8) Will my child be taught formal lessons?
As we are running on a skeleton staff, we will not be teaching the formal curriculum. We are planning activities similar to what would be run as a holiday club.
- 9) Will breakfast club be running?
Breakfast Club will be running for those who have booked to come to school. They can arrive between 7.45am and 8.15am for this. Please note this will be charged at the usual rate.
- 10) Will Little Apples (After School Club) be running?
Little Apples will be running for those who have booked to come to school as required. Please note this will be charged at the usual rate. Please book directly with Tracey for this on **07708408701**.
- 11) What work will be provided by school for children to do at home?
Packs have been created by the teachers and usernames and passwords have been provided for Athletics, Times Tables Rockstars and Purple Mash. Paper copies of these packs have been sent home with those who were in school on 20th March. Those who were not in school may collect paper copies of the pack from the Office from Monday 23rd March.
- 12) Can I pick up a paper copy of the pack?
Yes. These are available to collect from Monday 23rd March.

13) Where else can I find the educational packs?

Electronic copies of the packs will be shared on Class Dojo and will also be available on the school website for you to refer to on <https://www.highgate.leics.sch.uk/home-learning-during-school-closure/> (please have patience while we upload all files).

14) What if I have limited access to the internet?

If you have limited access to the internet, please read regularly with your child and do some practical maths such as cooking, telling the time and counting with money. You can also check on the paper packs for ideas linked to project work suggested by the teacher.

15) What if I don't understand something educational?

You are welcome to send an email to eduhelp@highgate.leics.sch.uk and someone will respond to your query (within working hours) as soon as possible.

16) Can I drop my child off in the afternoons?

No. We request that if you opt to use our child care that children are brought in for the start of the school day (or breakfast club if you opt for this).

17) Can I pick my child up early?

You are welcome to pick your child up earlier than the end of the school day if you wish.

18) What happens if someone in my family shows signs and symptoms?

If someone in your family shows signs and symptoms, please notify us and follow the Government's Guidance (self-isolation for 14 days).

19) My child is entitled to Pupil Premium Free School Meals. Will these be provided and how?

Packed lunches will be provided for those entitled to Pupil Premium (if you are in receipt of income support/universal credit). (Please note this is not universal free school meals for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2). If you have your child at home, you will need to arrange to collect these from the school office. Please email office@highgate.leics.sch.uk to book these.

20) How will I know if circumstances change?

We will try to keep people informed via email of updates. Please also keep an eye out on Class Dojo, our website and Twitter for further information.