



HILLINGDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Child Care for Key Workers Only

Are you a key worker?

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

Are you a key worker who needs child care?

The first key principle from the government guidelines:

1. If it is at all possible for children to be at home, then they should be.

The Government has asked parents to keep their children at home, wherever possible, and asked schools to remain open only for those children who absolutely need to attend.

Dear Parents and Carers,

I know that following the Prime Minister's announcement yesterday that more parents will be preparing to return to work. Unfortunately we are still not able to provide child care for all our families. This is to keep the numbers in school (children and staff) as low as possible so that we continue to minimise the spreading of the virus.

However, the school is open to provide child care for key workers and pupils with particular needs where required and where it is preferable to them remaining at home.

If as a result of the Prime Minister's announcements you need to access child care and you are not on our distribution list (established in the first week of the school closure following communication with parents) for child care please make contact with the school; please use the school's email address: hillprimary@hillingdonprimaryschool.org.uk. Mrs Child's (Welfare Officer) will then make contact with you to discuss your individual situation and your child care requirements. Apologies in advance as we will need to ask some detailed questions. We will need to establish your right to access child care and will ask for evidence that you are a key worker and are not able to work from home. We will also establish that there is no other adult in the family home who is able to provide child care.

Over the last eight weeks we have established an efficient booking system that once you have been given access will support you in booking child care each week. We have built in flexibility as we know that working arrangements can change but would appreciate it if you let us know as soon as possible if your circumstances change so that we have the correct child to adult ratio on site.

I do hope this provision supports our families who are key workers. Thank-you for all the work that you do in providing these services to our community and beyond. Your work in difficult situations is appreciated by us all and this service that we are able to offer continues to give us an opportunity to say thank-you.

Yesterday, the Prime Minister also indicated that Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 pupils may be returning to school in June. As a school we are in discussion with The Elliot Foundation Academy Trust (TEFAT) about the possibility of opening again and would like to reassure parents that when we return to school we will have planned carefully and considered the well being of children, staff, parents and visitors to the school site. We will keep you updated about any plans to open and will provide as much notice as possible to enable parents and children to prepare.

I am also very mindful of our year 6 pupils who will soon be finishing their time at Hillingdon Primary School. If you have a child in year 6 please reassure them that despite the uncertainty around when we return to school we will make sure that at some point in the future, when it is safe to do so, we will mark their time and achievements at Hillingdon Primary School with our usual prize giving and evening disco.

To our parents whose child is due to start Nursery or Reception then a member of staff will have been in contact and started the induction process so that we ensure that you have as much information as we are able to provide at this time. We will keep you updated with our plans so that your child and family experience the same warm welcome as we always aim to provide.

I do hope you are all safe and well. Please do let the school know if you are experiencing difficulties so that we may also provide support to your child and family.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ann Bowen-Breslin".

Ann Bowen-Breslin
Principal