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20th March 2020

Dear Parents,

We are now able to share the details with you with regards to providing schooling for the Key Worker's children whose parents work within the Key Worker groups as directed by the Government.

We need to emphasise that the Government want as many children to be educated at home as possible to ensure that the Covid 19 has every possible chance of being tackled effectively. Every time there is unnecessary contact, the risk of the virus continuing to spread is increased.

Thank you all for your co-operation in ensuring that children and parents of Hughenden Primary School follow the exact guidance laid out by the Government.

This is why both adults have to fall into the key worker category otherwise schools would be inundated and increasing the risk.

We are pleased to confirm that we are able to open the school on this site during normal school hours 9-3.30pm to a very limited number of pupils from Monday assuming all staff who are presently well, continue to be so. If there are significant reductions in staff, we may need to signpost parents and pupils to other hub schools and we are still seeking guidance on this.

Sports clubs can only be attended by the same pupils coming into school that day. Dave Joy has confirmed that he will be here Monday morning to assess numbers. If your child has not previously booked his club, it may be something you wish to sign up for.

Presently, Quackers is operating as normal again only for children approved by the Government guidelines. They are seeking further guidance as to whether they can remain open if numbers are significantly down.

Please can you continue to let us know the days that you are working and require sessions for.

All families falling into the required Key Worker group, must inform school by email BEFORE arriving to school so their children's names are added to the list. We are aware some families only

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require this for certain days, in order to meet our safeguarding requirements, it is essential you notify us as to any absences.

Hot school meals will continue daily on a limited menu offering 2 choices: hot meat, hot veg and dessert. Your Schoolgrid account will give you the allergen information as before, however, meals will be ordered manually everyday by the school office for the correct number attending that day.

Please can your child come to school wearing their school sports kit with a school jumper over the top so they are prepared for all activities during the day. Trainers should be worn instead of school shoes.

Children must still bring in the following: Book bags, water bottles, wellie boots, waterproof coat, fruit snacks

No electronic devices are allowed in school as per normal school procedures.

Because we are only providing limited educational childcare rather than lessons, children will have times when they need to self-manage their learning and can bring in items from home, nothing of value or breakable please: a small cuddly toy can be useful reducing anxiety.

If your child fits into any of the other categories and you wish them to attend then this needs to be evidenced through clear communication with the school.

Please let us know tonight if you are expecting a place on Monday or the coming week.

Mrs Brinkworth and Mrs O'Malley will be working from home over the coming weeks. Please feel free to make contact with them if you have any other queries or anxieties requiring support.

Yours sincerely

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