



Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2021

APPEAL TO ALL FAMILIES TO KEEP YOUR CHILD(REN) AT HOME IF YOU POSSIBLY CAN.

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all well and that the third week of remote learning is going as smoothly as possible; we do appreciate that these are exceptional and challenging circumstances. All we ask is that you try your best and do as much as you are able to. As a school community we worked through the previous lockdown together and we will be fully prepared for resuming learning in our classrooms as soon as it is safe to do so.

We are currently receiving a number of requests for places for children at school and in line with the picture nationally the number of children already in school is higher than during the last lockdown. Given the last minute nature of the decision to close schools, guidance from Hackney Education and the DfE has been updated in the last week. As a result, we will be applying the following criteria to prioritising spaces for children within our bubbles at school:

1. Vulnerable children
2. Critical workers' children in single parent/carer households
3. Critical workers' children where both parents/carers are key workers
4. Critical workers' children in two parent/carer households where one parent is a key worker

In line with this guidance we will be asking for critical worker status in the form of ID, payslip or letter from your employer in order to secure your place. This needs to be collated for all children eligible, including those currently in school. Please expect to be contacted later in the week. (Please note: if your child is attending school with EHCP or meets other vulnerability criteria, you **will not** be contacted for further evidence.)

As you will all be aware, the whole objective of this lockdown is to limit the movement of people and the opportunity the virus has to spread. Our school remains open to only a small number of children and this is to keep you and your family safe as well as everybody within our community. Please help us to do this. I fully appreciate that this is not easy if you are working from home; however, the safety of everybody concerned has to be our main priority. **Please keep your children at home if you are able to.**

Thank you to all of you for your patience, cooperation and support during this time. By working together as a community, we can do our best to ensure that we minimise risks for everyone as far as we possibly can.

With very best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A Case'.

Anna Case