



4th January 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

Critical workers childcare during Covid – 19 outbreak

LEAP schools are able to provide critical workers with childcare (not education) from the first day of term, **Tuesday 5th January**.

If you are in one of the sectors described by the government, (see separate **Government List of Critical Workers** document on the website) we hope to be able to support you with your childcare needs. The places will be limited and we will have to prioritise those in highest need.

There is acknowledgment that many parents working in these sectors may be able to ensure their child is kept at home and therefore, every child who can be safely cared for at home, should be. The advice is that where possible non-essential workers stay at home. If your work is critical to the COVID-19 response, or you work in one of the critical sectors listed on the document and you cannot keep your child safe at home, then your child will be prioritised for childcare provision. We will need your employer's contact details and details of your working patterns week by week.

Staff members will have regular tests for Covid – 19 and if staff numbers fall it may be necessary, at some point, for your child to attend another school building if we cannot maintain the service in your usual school.

If you want to be considered for a place please fill in the form entitled **Application Form for Critical Worker Childcare** and email to the appropriate email address below:

Gayhurst email: admin@gayhurst.hackney.sch.uk

Kingsmead email: admin@kingsmead.hackney.sch.uk

Mandeville email: mdvoffice@mandeville.hackney.sch.uk

Please fill in the form even if you accessed childcare during the Spring and Summer lockdown in 2020 as we are aware that circumstances do change.

Once you have returned the form, we will call you to let you know whether we can accommodate your child by 3pm on Monday 4th January.

If your child is attending our childcare facilities they will be in a mixed aged class. They will have access to online learning and will be supervised by members of our support staff and not teachers. They will be provided with a lunch. Drop off will be at 9am and collection at 3.00pm

Yours faithfully,

Louise Nichols, Marc Thompson, Evelyn Deeney and Karen Pedro
LEAP Schools' Executive Headteacher and Associate Headteachers

www.kingsmead.hackney.sch.uk

www.gayhurst.hackney.sch.uk

www.mandeville.hackney.sch.uk

Executive Headteacher: Louise Nichols **Business Manager:** Cyrilene Malcolm
Chair of Governors: Ian Mullaney **Communications:** Emma de Sausmarez

LEAP Federation, c/o Kingsmead Primary School, Kingsmead Way, Hackney London E9 5PP 020 8985 5779