



## **Children with EHC plans, Social workers or vulnerable children during Covid – 19 outbreak**

As all schools will be closed from Friday March 20<sup>th</sup> in line with Government advice we are able to provide some children with childcare (not education) from Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March.

If your child has an EHC plan please fill in the form called EHC childcare place. There is acknowledgment that many parents prefer that their child is kept at home and therefore, every child who can be safely cared for at home should be. As a school we support this as we are concerned that unnecessary contact should be avoided.

Please remember school staff and other children attending could already be infected and we have no way of knowing at present who is carrying the virus. Staff numbers are dropping and at some point it may be necessary for your child to attend another school building if we cannot maintain the service in your usual school.

Please be aware that school staff are not being tested for the virus and also that many of them have families they want to protect so please don't send your child to us if they have symptoms.

If you want your child to come to school and have a child care place please fill in the form entitled EHCP childcare and email to the appropriate email address below. Please be aware there will be no specialist EHCP provision provided or one to one support.

Gayhurst email: [admin@gayhurst.hackney.sch.uk](mailto:admin@gayhurst.hackney.sch.uk)

Kingsmead email: [admin@kingsmead.hackney.sch.uk](mailto:admin@kingsmead.hackney.sch.uk)

Mandeville email: [mdvoffice@mandeville.hackney.sch.uk](mailto:mdvoffice@mandeville.hackney.sch.uk)

We will call you to let you know whether we can accommodate your child by 2pm on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March and what the arrangements will be.

If your child is attending our childcare facilities, they will be in a mixed aged group doing play based activities and will be provided with a lunch. Drop off will be at 9am and collection at 3.30pm.