

19th March 2020

Dear Parents / Carers

Firstly, on behalf of all the staff, I would like to thank you for your kind comments during this difficult time; especially when we may not always have been able to answer your questions.

Ash Lea School will remain open as long as it is safe to do so and government advice supports that decision.

Thank you for your patience and understanding during these new and challenging times. We are trying to keep up with national directives as and when they arrive and will update you with important information and reminders via text message, our social media platforms and through letters.

You will know that the information has at times been slightly conflicting, on Monday we were advised that those people in 'vulnerable groups' should be particularly stringent in following social distancing measures, this included people with learning difficulties. Despite this, we were told on Wednesday that schools should remain open for pupils with an EHCP, which includes all of our pupils.

My advice is for you to take sensible and measured action based on your child's individual needs and the health and wellbeing of those around you. Any absence from the school will be authorised.

If your child has underlying health conditions, illnesses linked to their immune system or any respiratory conditions, I would recommend you seek advice from your doctor before you send them to school.

The staff here are amazing and have been doing a fantastic job. I have a duty to help keep them healthy as well and without them we will simply have to close for all children. I must therefore urge you NOT to send your child to school if they are showing ANY symptoms.

If you intend to send your child in next week, can you please return the slip attached or email parentreplies@ashlea.notts.sch.uk indicating which days, by 11.30am tomorrow, Friday 20 March 2020. The intention is that children will be able to come for the full week, however, we will need to ensure that we have sufficient staff for this and priority will be given to parents who fit the key worker criteria.

We will not be having any after school clubs until further notice.

Thank you for your understanding, please keep yourself healthy and get in touch if you need anything at all.

Best Wishes

Dawn Wigley Head Teacher





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I would prefer 5 days a week Yes No

I am/we are both key workers Yes No

Which days are essential for you? Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

Is there anything else you would like us to consider?

Signed: