

26th March 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

Haybrook College Open for Key Worker and Vulnerable Families.

I am writing again to update you regarding Haybrook College's provision for Key Worker and Vulnerable Children.

The Government's advice to schools is very clear. Schools need promote social distancing to help delay the spread of this virus so that the NHS is not overwhelmed, whilst also having a provision for those that are deemed as children of Key Workers or considered vulnerable. Vulnerable is defined as having support from social care, those living in care, those with safeguarding or welfare concerns, the disabled or those with EHCP's. However; having an EHCP is not a direct entitlement to a place if the child is deemed safe in their own home. The full definition can be found here, <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>.

The government's advice remains clear at this time, **'If children can stay at home and are safe to do so, they should, to limit the chance of the virus spreading'**. I appreciate that you are doing all you can to keep your child at home and this may be proving very difficult especially for older children but we need to remind them that it is not them that are at risk but the older loved ones who are more likely to be affected.

Provision from home

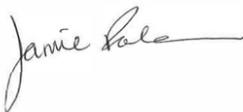
Your child has been provided with online lessons, which may be through Academy21, Units of Sound or Education City. Academy21 online lessons include work to be completed after the lessons. These happen 4 days per week, with Fridays available for further completion of homework or live drop-in sessions. I remind you that Library lessons are available on the Academy21 website and these should be referred to if your child has not understood or has forgotten the content of the lessons. Apollo staff have also set up Google Hangouts for our students and engage in a "get-together" session every weekday at 1.00pm. If your child has not yet accessed this and would like to do so, please phone Julia Holder (07736 889 908).

Free School Meals

For those families that are entitled to free school meals, we are working with the local government to ensure that you are supported and are likely to move to a voucher scheme next week. We expect more information from them by Monday 30th March. In the meantime we have been delivering both care packages and hot meals to those entitled to free school meals or deemed most in need and want them. If you feel this is you then please get in touch via one of the methods above.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch with your child's Head of Centre if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,



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