

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 Workers and Vulnerable Children. All updates can be found on the News section of our website, <http://haybrookcollege.co.uk/main-home/news/>.

The Government's advice to schools is very clear. Schools need promote to 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 EHCPs. 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>. At this time your child does not fall under any of these categories so is expected to remain at home.

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 on site

From Thursday 26th March our provision will run from the main site at 112 Burnham Lane, where we centralise all staff and all pupils, therefor all pupils with a place are expected to attend there. The school day will run as normal to the times outlined below.

Millside pupils 08.30am to 14.00pm

All other pupils 09.00am to 14.15pm

The day will consist of a range of learning opportunities, sports and positive activities. As we are operating on a skeletal staff team, those offered a place will be expected to take this up for the week allowing us to staff appropriately. You will be contacted on a weekly basis to determine if your child will be attending for the following week. A no at the start of the week is a no for that week unless there is an absolute emergency. If they are attending school they must agree to remain as calm and compliant as possible as we will not have the staff available to deal with extreme behaviour issues.

If you have not been allocated a place but feel that you should have been please contact your Head of Centre, leave a message on 01628 696075 or complete the online query form found here <http://haybrookcollege.co.uk/contact/>. Similarly if you have been allocated a place but will not be taking this up please let us know so that we can allocate this to someone else.

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Provision from home

Your child should have received a work pack and these will be regularly sent home to enable them to learn. We are also setting up online learning via Microsoft TEAMS, which should be ready in the next day or two. We will be providing every child with an email address and password and guiding them through the set-up process to we can ensure they have access. Teachers will be posting work online on a regular basis and our daily phone calls will continue. We are committed to support you as much as we possibly can during this difficult time. We are creating a list of resources for both education and welfare that will be posted on our website for all to utilise.

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,



Jamie Rockman
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