



GOLDINGTON GREEN ACADEMY

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Dear Parents

Firstly thank you so much for all the kind messages we have received during this very difficult and stressful time for us all, it means a lot and is very much appreciated by the staff.

The government has indicated that, after this week, it **is asking** schools to only provide care for children of key workers and children that may be vulnerable or have an EHCP. **This is not a statutory requirement – schools are being asked to help as part of a national response.**

This is a very different type of provision than schools usually provide; for these pupils, **it will be about care, not education.** This is about keeping children safe and allowing key workers (such as NHS staff) to go to work and care for the sick, or to keep food supply chains moving. All expectations regarding educational provision have been lifted. Schools that provide this care will be free to determine what the provision looks like and what they deem to be best for the pupils they are supporting.

Critically, schools are responsible for **offering** places to pupils who may be eligible to attend this provision.

Thank you to all the parent that responded to my request yesterday if they were a key worker or their child has an EHCP and would like their child to be considered for a place in the 'reduced provision'.

We will have to prioritise according to need as the government have stated that we can only take a maximum of 20% of the school population.

This will also be dependent on the number of staff available to work. This may require us to prioritise which pupils receive an offer, according to greatest need.

The key message is that schools are closed, and that children should stay at home but we are doing what we can to support our families, given these unprecedented circumstances.

Please can we ask that only families that fall into the categories above and would like their children to be considered for a place to complete the table on the accompanying email and return to the school office (via email) by 3pm today (Friday).

We have been advised to open from 9am-3pm. We can offer flexible hours within these times that meet your working hours. If you require before and after school care please indicate on the booking form. Children do not need to do all 5 days each week it is to enable you as a Key worker to go to work.



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Arrangements:

Children should be dropped off and collected from the main school office area.

We will offer a hot meal on Monday at lunchtime but after that it will be a pack lunch only. Please indicate on the form if you require a pack lunch to be provided. We have to ensure that we have the resources to provide a pack lunch and we reduce waste.

Staff will be working on a rota-based system depending on their own personal circumstances. Children do not need to wear school uniform but should bring their PE kit.

We are aware that these are ever changing times and hope that the information above will enable us to initially provide care to support key workers to get through the next 2 weeks. This will then be reviewed and a longer-term plan put in place.

Please complete and return the form no later than 3pm today.

Thank you once again for your support during this difficult times.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs C Skingsley



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