



# Grasmere Primary School

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## Children of critical workers in school

Dear Parent or Carer,

I hope you and your child are well. Thank you for your support and understanding as the school tries to mobilise the many facets of provision under lockdown. We have had to adjust quickly, as you have had to do as a parent. We do not underestimate the challenges of this. Many of the staff are parents and well know the daily struggle with home learning, however good [or otherwise] the offer might be.

Things have been made harder for the school due to the high case rate and many staff being affected by this. A total of 10 staff are self-isolating currently. We need to prioritise provision for vulnerable children attending. These factors are limiting our capacity for critical worker children attending. We are getting lots of requests that we are struggling to fulfil. In KS2 we are at capacity. We are also conscious of safety with too many children being on site when the infection rate is so high.

Therefore if you require your child to attend because you are a critical worker, please do the following:

- Put a written request via email to [headteacher@grasmere.hackney.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@grasmere.hackney.sch.uk)
- Include the days where you need your child to attend as a result of no other alternative provision at home [NOTE: at present we cannot guarantee the days requested. Also, in some classes, the provision finishes at 12pm currently]
- Include proof of critical worker status [ID badge or brief letter from superior]

I want to reassure you that we keenly feel our duty of care to provide for children of critical workers and aim to expand this offer when safety and staffing allows. We will review things at the end of next week.

This is another very challenging time and we are determined to offer you the best and safest provision we can. Thank you, as ever, for your understanding.

Kind regards, Nick



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