



Thursday 19th March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to you at this difficult time to send our very best wishes to all of you and your families. As I am sure you are aware, schools are closing from tomorrow, for most children. These are unprecedented times and we do not know how long this closure will be for. We are working with the local authority, whilst waiting for further guidance and clarification from the government, on how families who are eligible for free school meals will be provided with food. I will be in contact with those eligible families once I know exactly what is happening, but please be assured that either meals or vouchers will be provided during the school closure period.

Children of families where both adults are 'key workers' or in the case of single parent families the parent is a 'key worker' and some vulnerable children will continue to come into school. Again, we are waiting for clarification and guidance as to who falls under those categories. These families will be offered childcare, not the normal education they would have received, based at the school, or possibly in another local school if the local authority decides to create hub schools. Whilst we are waiting to hear the definitive list of what is considered a 'key worker', please could you notify me by return of this letter if you think that you are considered a key worker or you meet any of the other criteria stated in the table attached. I need this information back **by the end of today**.

We have a large number of families who have taken the decision to keep their children away from school, we understand if you decide to do so tomorrow.

This is going to be an extremely difficult and challenging time for all of our children and families and we will use the school website and twitter account to keep in touch with families.

Please stay safe and remember we are here if you need to contact us during this closure period for any support that we can offer. You can contact us by telephone on the landline: 02077352978. We will advise you further on the school website if for any reason we cannot accept telephone calls. I hope to see you and your children as soon as possible.

Caroline Andrews
Headteacher

School closure questionnaire/ Application for school services over the closure period

Please complete this form **by the end of today and send it via email to admin@reay.lambeth.co.uk** if you have a child with an EHCP, your child has a social worker or you consider that you are a key worker and you would require childcare starting next week at our school.

Where key workers have a partner who is able to work from home, we would not expect to provide school services.

Families should be aware that, in the forthcoming days, some schools will be combining to offer joint services. We will of course keep you informed.

To be completed if you require a place at school	
Name of your child/ren	
Year group/s	
Name of parents and carers	
Emergency contact names and telephone numbers	
Reason for requiring a place (please tick as appropriate)	
My child has an EHCP	
My child has a social worker	
<p>I consider myself to be a key worker and am not able to provide alternative arrangements</p> <p>Name of role:</p> <p>Name of organisation:</p>	
<p>I consider that I have need of emergency care for my child for another reason (this will be considered on a case by case basis)</p> <p>Please specify the reason:</p>	