

People Directorate

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Key workers who have access to the Hub in January at Alloway Primary School

Dear Parents/Carers,

When your child arrives for the Hub care and some access to learning then please ensure they arrive at their usual time and use the usual entrance and exit.

I have organised staff rotas and the children will also have their usual support assistants with them.

They can wear comfortable, cosy and warm clothes with coats, gloves, etc as we are keeping windows open and will be outdoors often for play and activities too.

Mrs McDonald our PE teacher is in the Hub daily too and I am on hand with Miss Gilligan to ensure everything runs smoothly and the children get access to a teacher at points in the day however you need to be aware that we have well over 100 successful applications and our Hub is busy. I cannot tell you how many we have daily as this changes due to shift patterns and needs but we are keeping children in their stage bubbles.

I am sorry that some applications were rejected and hope that if you can appeal then you can provide the information needed to access the support if eligible.

The council template letters were impersonal, standard templates as they were generic so again if you withdrew your application by calling us then the letter issued may still have read like a rejection – often the case with generic templates. If you meet the criteria and your situation changes then get back in touch.

We are happy to help if we can as we are here to support our community key workers at this time who have **no other childcare facility**.

We trust that you will keep your child at home if you are working from home so that we can have reduced numbers in our school to help protect all and reduce the risk of infection.

The children are all so good at hand washing and cleaning routines - we will continue to help them to keep their own learning materials clean and safe.

Please ensure that you have ordered or provided a lunch for your child. I have already issued a link to order the lunch form. If you haven't heard back yet as you have applied late it should arrive later today. You must complete the online form we sent you as it contains information and we need to know when your child is attending for staffing ratios. We will send this out in a fortnight again.

We do expect children to behave well in the Hub and be respectful towards staff and others and I am sure you will, as always, reinforce best manners.

So far the children have all been so happy and pleased to see us again so hopefully this continues as we start to support them next week.

The Hub will, at times, be staffed with a few unfamiliar faces as SAC will try to support our staffing levels as required but myself and other familiar faces are about too.

The Early Years Centre Hub can be accessed from the Safari room front gate – do not use the door near the school office please.

Children will receive a snack in the nursery but you should provide your primary aged child with a mid-morning snack and drink also which they can carry in their usual lunch bag.

Children will all enjoy a lunch break and can eat lunch in their bubbles too.

We have been so busy this week and I do hope you have all the information you require now. We are working at pace to ensure we are ready and prepared for next week and beyond and I do wish you all the very best of health. Stay safe and well.

Yours sincerely

Karen Butler

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Head Teacher