



Heath View, East Finchley, London N2 0QY

Telephone: 020 8444 6711

Email: info@oaklodeschool.org

Web: www.oaklodeschool.org

Headteacher: Lynda Walker MA

25th March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

School Closure Update

Oak Lodge School will remain closed until further notice. Due to the current national health emergency and the requirement to reduce social contact to reduce the spread of coronavirus, the UK government has closed all schools and does not expect parents or carers to send their children to school until further notice, even if they have an EHC Plan. [Government guidance to parents](#) says that **every child who can be safely cared for at home should be**. This has now been reinforced by the new measures announced by the Prime Minister on 23rd March that anyone who can **must** stay at home.

We will continue to provide remote support to our most vulnerable children and their families, but we no longer believe we can offer safe care provision for any pupils at school, given the 'social-distancing' requirement they remain 2 metres apart from each other and on LA advice may not touch computers, books or other equipment. Unless there are truly exceptional circumstances, it is **clearly safer that children stay at home**. We recommend the [COVID-19 resource information for schools and parents given by the National Association for Special Educational Needs \(NASEN\)](#).

We are in contact with parents and carers who are known to key workers to advise what further help can be offered. We are awaiting confirmation of what additional support will be available to pupils in receipt of free school meals. This may be in the form of a weekly food parcel from our catering contractor, home-delivered by Oak Lodge staff. If you would like free school meal support, and qualify, please email fsm@oaklodeschool.org.

To support pupils' continued learning, activity packs have been prepared and sent home, either with pupils or by post if the pupil was already absent. On-line learning links have been published at this link: https://oaklodeschool.sharepoint.com/Learning_Resources/ If you have not received a text message with the username and password for this link, please contact us by email to info@oaklodeschool.org. We will update resources as more become available.

This continues to be a difficult and uncertain time for everyone. Nevertheless we must continue to put the health and safety of the whole school community and all our families first. [Please continue to check the school website for the latest information](#).

With best wishes

Lynda Walker, Headteacher