



Comet Nursery School and Children's Centre

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Re: Coronavirus update – school closure information

Dear Parents/carers,

It is with a heavy heart that we are closing Comet until further notice. As a country, we all need to do what we can to reduce the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

That is why the government has given clear guidance on [self-isolation](#), [household isolation](#) and [social distancing](#).

The most recent scientific advice on how to further limit the spread of COVID-19 is clear. If children can stay safely at home, they should, to limit the chance of the virus spreading. That is why the government has asked parents to keep their children at home, wherever possible, and asked schools to **remain open only for those children who absolutely need to attend**.

It is important to underline that schools remain safe places for children. The fewer children and adults making the journey to school, and the fewer children and adults in educational settings, the lower the risk that the virus can spread and infect vulnerable individuals in wider society.

Schools are, therefore, being asked to continue to provide care for a limited number of children - children who are vulnerable and children whose parents are critical to the Covid-19 response and cannot be safely cared for at home. We have already contacted all parents to which this applies.

If you usually receive free school meals we have provided you with some Rose Vouchers that can be used to buy fruit and vegetables at the stall on Hoxton Street or at Ridley Road market, information is included with the vouchers.

During this time away from Comet we will be keeping you updated with regular newsletters, ideas for home learning, links to children's websites and updated government advice.

If you need support or are finding it difficult during this uncertain time we would urge you to email us at admin@comet.hackney.sch.uk. We will be checking our emails and will be able to provide any guidance or sign post you if you need further advice.

Best wishes and keep safe, we will miss you all but will look forward to seeing you as soon as possible.

Lisa

