



# Highfield Newsletter – January 2021



## A message from Mr. Knibbs

I hope that you are all managing to navigate through the difficulties that we are facing; are following the government guidelines around lockdown and that you and your families are keeping safe and well.

As always, thank you for the positive feedback that we have received from many of you. This is always gratefully received and makes a big difference to the whole team. Thank you also for the suggested improvements. We always take these into account and look at ways of being even better.

### Home learning:

I hope that you are all able to access the home learning either online or through the paper packs. I am really proud of the effort that the staff have put in to producing and turning this around in such a short space of time. It was a mammoth task and the staff worked tirelessly to make this work. I am aware that there have been some issues and we will continue to work on them.

The learning provided, either online or via paper, covers the same content and takes into account all curriculum areas. This ensures that there is ample work for your child to complete each day and across the course of the week.

### Devices:

Understandably, many of you have contacted us regarding devices for your children. We would absolutely love to be able to offer devices out to as many of you as we possibly can. However, we have recently been issued with just 25 devices for our whole school. This means that we will not be able to help everyone who has asked for a device. Once the devices are in and ready to be loaned out for a short period of time, we will work through our list, following the device guidance issued by the government. Our hands are completely tied by the limited number of devices we have received and I am deeply sorry that we will not be able to help you all.

### Keyworker provision:

Our keyworker provision is up and running. This is a service for children who fit a very specific criteria. In line with government guidance, we are only offering places to those children where it is not possible for them to remain at home.

### Parent suggestions

You suggested	We have done
Pushing back the time for paper packs to be collected	Paper pack collection will be from 11am until 12pm
Reducing the daily calls home	In most cases, calls will be twice weekly.
Informing you of when things change	When updated or important information is added to the website, a text message will be sent to parents.

**Where can I find information at this time?**



@hifieldji

**Highfield website**  
[www.hifield.bham.sch.uk](http://www.hifield.bham.sch.uk)

**Contact email address**  
[schoolclosure@hifield.bham.sch.uk](mailto:schoolclosure@hifield.bham.sch.uk)

*Please use the email address above for queries regarding places for children of keyworkers, devices, FSM enquiries or any non-urgent enquiries.*

## Free School Meals:

**We are currently working on our plan for free-school meals following on from the guidance that was released by the government. As soon as vouchers are available, we will issue them to parents. Currently, we cannot place any orders so the earliest vouchers will be available is from the week beginning Monday 25th January.**

**If you requested a food parcel, this will be available to collect on Monday 18th January between 12 and 12:30pm.**

**If you believe you are eligible and haven't placed your order, please email [schoolclosure@hifield.bham.sch.uk](mailto:schoolclosure@hifield.bham.sch.uk)**