

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Reopening of KCA

As you are aware, since last month nurseries were allowed to reopen alongside specific primary and secondary school year groups. However, not all restrictions for out of school clubs were lifted. The restrictions, in combination with the low number of our children who are attending schools in Harrow, mean that we are unable to reopen our After School & Saturday Clubs until the 4th of July.

It is our intention to reopen our services as soon as possible in a safe and covid-secure way in order to support you and your children. Our aim is to safely deliver summer holiday schemes from the 20th of July. This however, also remains subject to confirmation. The Department of Education published guidance for out of school clubs yesterday, we understand that the government's intention is to allow providers to restart their services under the new guidance. We anticipate that the government will make further announcements on this matter, on the 4th of July, when lockdown restrictions will be further relaxed.

Given that there is no further spike in Covid19 cases, and taking in account that KCA is an Ofsted registered provider, with oversight and accustomed to implementing very strict regulations and policies, it will be sad not to be allowed to support vulnerable children and their families. We are happy that there is provision within the guidance for children with learning disabilities for out of school care.

We want to reassure you, what we are constantly in discussion with the local authority in order to establish alternative provisions to support you and your children. We are already planning how to provide support in a scenario where holiday clubs are not allowed to operate.

I have an amazing team working tirelessly to ensure that when we restart regular services we do so safely, and that all children experience as seamless a transition back into KCA.

I am incredibly proud of our organisation and our staff for their tenacity and true KIDS CAN spirit throughout this.

Please be patient with us while we are waiting for anticipated announcements on 4th of July. We will then update you as soon as possible following the announcements.



In the meantime please remember that the following services are available for you and your child.

- Family Support - contact family.service@kidscanachieve.co.uk
- Creative Therapy - contact family.service@kidscanachieve.co.uk
- Outreach Services (we have started phase return for young adults) – contact Deborah.Wilkes@kidscanachieve.co.uk
- Day Care for children who are not currently in school – contact megan.irvine@kidscanachieve.co.uk

For further information please visit our website <https://kidscanachieve.co.uk/>

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Guidance

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/protective-measures-for-holiday-or-after-school-clubs-and-other-out-of-school-settings-for-children-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/protective-measures-for-out-of-school-settings-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak>

Warm regards,

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