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www.gillespie.islington.sch.uk

Dear Parents/Carers,

Summer Holiday Provision

Below is information about summer provision provided by Islington Council.

One third of places available are priority places for vulnerable children. These places are available to families supported by social care, families in need, parents who are studying and working towards employment and children of critical workers. If you think you are eligible for a priority place please contact the provider directly. If they require evidence from the school please contact us ASAP. **Please note Elizabeth House only have 10 priority places, 35 overall places and do serve other local schools so you will need to be quick.**

Holiday childcare

'There are a number of holiday playschemes running this summer holiday. Booking is essential; please contact providers directly. Places will be limited and priority will be given to children of critical workers and families of vulnerable children. Evidence of eligibility for priority will need to be provided. All remaining places will be open to all children with priority given to working families.'

www.islington.gov.uk/holidaychildcare

Heatwave 2020

'Islington's summer activities programme for children and young people, is definitely on, offering a range of activities for children and young people of all ages in July and August. Some activities are taking place online and others socially distanced, to keep everybody as safe as possible due to the coronavirus situation.'

www.islington.gov.uk/heatwave

Islington Life

Your local online magazine from Islington Council.

<https://islingtonlife.london/>

Elizabeth House

27th July – 21st August 9:00am-5:30pm

Booking form to be completed on the EH website or please contact them directly - <https://elizabeth-house.org.uk/>

Parents need to book for a full week (Monday-Friday) and pay in full by bank transfer within 12 hours of receiving a booking confirmation.

They will be able to have 35 children per day/week, including 10 places reserved for vulnerable children.

Priority booking will be given to vulnerable children and children of critical/keyworkers (evidence will be required). Remaining places will be allocated to working parents.

Playscheme fees:

- £50 per week, per child for parents/carers eligible for concession rate (evidence of low income will be required)
- £100 per week per child for working parents/carers

Children attending the playscheme will be assigned to a specific group ("bubble") for the whole week, by age group.

For the children's safety and safety of all staff members, EH will implement strict health and safety procedures. Parents will not be allowed to enter the premises when dropping off or picking up. If children come with their scooter or bike, these will have to be taken by parents/cares and cannot be left at EH. Children will have to bring their own water bottle (which can be refilled at the centre) and Islington Council will be providing free lunches for all children (no packed lunch required).

Yours sincerely,
Mark Owen
Headteacher