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Dear Parents/Carers,

Unfortunately, I find myself writing to you again to officially inform you that the school will be closed for the vast majority of children as of Monday 4th January until at least Monday 18th January. At this moment, there is no set date for a return apart from the government's commitment to return all primary aged children to full time education as soon as possible. Like many of you, I found out this information during yesterday's announcements and had previously been led to believe that this would not happen. As I am sure you can appreciate, this type of closure comes with a huge amount of logistical work to implement. Considering how late in the holidays this announcement has come, I have asked the school's Chair of Governors to approve an additional INSET day on Monday 4th January 2021. This request has been approved and will mean that the school will be closed to all children on Monday 4th January. This additional day will allow me to finalise the new arrangements to ensure that they are in place for Tuesday 5th January. I would like to personally apologise for the extremely short notice and inconvenience that these changes may cause for our families.

If you are a critical worker and have no other options for child care available on this day, please contact the school on the number below and we will try to support you in any way we possibly can.

Phone - 07368938194

Mirroring the situation in March, the school will remain open for children of **active** critical workers and those who have been identified as vulnerable. Critical worker groups can be found listed below -

Critical Worker Groups -

Health and Social Care
Education and Childcare
Key Public Services
Local and National Government
Food and Necessary Goods
Public Safety and National Security
Transport
Utilities, Communication and Financial Services

For further information and examples, linked to critical workers - Please click use the link below:

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision?fbclid=IwAR0oA24l8Sux-UosEoYTnwd1g_Mc9bygOT7OhWCdF5HG69vmtxiRgxm5oQo

If you feel that you fall within the Critical Worker Group and would like your child to attend school from Tuesday 5th January, please let the school know. You can do this by completing the appropriate form using the link below.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeff9lnew2CTcbpD0lvt2h8P_FQ5b5MTyBpANh51Lz3H9i4RA/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0

We have been advised by Department of Education that we should check for proof of employment as we did in March. As this is the case, please send an email with proof to Keyworker@hadleigh-inf.essex.sch.uk by 5pm on Sunday. If you are unable to access a computer or electrical device, I will also be at school tomorrow (Friday 1st January 2020) between the hours of 10am and 12 noon. I will ensure that all parents, whose children will be allowed to come to school on Tuesday, will be contacted by Sunday (7pm) at the latest. Unfortunately, without proof of employment we will not be allowed to accept your child(ren) on Tuesday.

The school will provide remote learning for those children who are unable to return and children of critical workers who do not intend to return to school on Tuesday 5th January. I will send out a further letter this afternoon outlining further information relating to this.

I would like to reiterate my thanks to parents for your understanding, support and patience at this difficult and challenging time. Unfortunately, it is not my job to agree or disagree with government decisions and actions - my team and I must now ensure that we are able to best support our children and families in any way we can. I have the utmost confidence that my team will be able to continue to support your child and you as a family over the coming weeks. It is my hope that this will be a short interlude from our face to face teaching and look forward to welcoming many of you back as soon as it is safe to do so.

Yours sincerely

Mr. S. Proctor