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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am sure all of you would now have heard the news that the school will be closed for the vast majority of children as of Monday 4th January 2021 until at least Monday 18th January 2021. The school currently finds itself in the same situation as at the end of March 2020. As of Monday, only the children of critical workers and those identified by the school as vulnerable will be allowed to attend school. The rest of the children will need to complete remote learning at home. This morning, you should have received a letter outlining how to apply for a place at school if you qualify as a critical worker. If you have not yet seen this letter, you can access it using the link found below -

https://www.hadleigh-inf.essex.sch.uk/web/letters_linked_to_covid_19_school_closure

Remote learning for children working from home -

The children who are required to work from home will have access to remote learning. Children in Reception - Year 2 will be provided with several daily activities to complete. Each activity will be explained to the children using either a video from a member of staff or through written instructions. These activities will be sent using the SeeSaw App and videos will be uploaded on the school's website. Activities will cover areas such as: Maths, Phonics, Literacy and Foundation subjects. Once your child has completed their activity, they will be able to submit their work which will be sent back to their class teacher. If your child has no access to an electronic device, please contact the school using the details below.

Email - Educationsupport@hadleigh-inf.essex.sch.uk

Phone - 01702 557979

On Monday, parents will be emailed the home learning code that is required to access the remote learning on SeeSaw. The activities will then be assigned daily starting Tuesday 5th January 2021 until the children return to school.

Children in Nursery will receive a selection of activities from Mrs Bennett to complete over the next two weeks. These will be linked to the topic of food. Activities will include: finding out where food comes from, counting foods, talking about favourite food and listening to stories related to food. These activities will be sent daily. If you would like to complete any additional learning with your child, please do not hesitate to do so.

Educational support during the school closure -

We fully appreciate that home learning is not always the easiest thing to complete. To provide parents with some additional support we will make teachers available to contact between the hours of 8am until 4pm. The majority of teachers will be working in school, so any replies will be provided as soon as they possibly can around their working patterns.

Whilst the children are working from home, you can contact your child's teacher using the SeeSaw App or using the appropriate email below:

- Nursery - YearNsupport@hadleigh-inf.essex.sch.uk
- Reception - YearRsupport@hadleigh-inf.essex.sch.uk
- Year 1 - Year1support@hadleigh-inf.essex.sch.uk
- Year 2 - Year2support@hadleigh-inf.essex.sch.uk

Supporting the wellbeing of our children and families -

Within the next two weeks, a member of staff will call each of the children who are working from home. This call is designed to allow the school to keep in contact with the children and their families. We are very aware that such a big change, like not coming to school when they normally would in January, might be unsettling for many of our children. This type of regular contact was effective during the first school closure and it is my hope that it will be again. Our previous calls provided a great opportunity to speak with you as parents and your child to try and bring some normality back in the form of hearing a familiar voice. It is our hope that you as parents will also find these calls helpful as they will allow you to discuss anything you wanted to directly with your child's teacher. Please remember that my staff are here to support you in any way we can. They might not have the answers to specific questions straight away but they will be able to find the answers or support you need and will get back to you or contact someone who can. These calls will be made either by the school number or a withheld number and completed around the working hours of the member of staff. If we are unable to contact you, your child's teacher will leave you a message and will try again at another time. If we are unable to contact you by phone, your child's teacher will email you. As with our normal procedures, if we are unable to contact you, we may have to try other options to ensure that you and your family are safe.

Mrs Burls will continue to contact families and reach out to provide any additional support that may be needed. I would like to remind all of our families that we are able to provide food parcels for any households that may need this type of support. If you require any support or are concerned about the wellbeing of either yourself or others during the school closure, please contact Mrs Burls using the details below -

Phone - 07368938194

Email - Wellbeingsupport@hadleigh-inf.essex.sch.uk

I wanted to thank you all for your continued support. I am sure I speak for all of us when I say that I want the children to be in school as soon as it is deemed safe enough to do so. I would like to thank all parents in advance for taking on the role of your child's teacher once more whilst they complete the activities that we plan to send home. As a community, we have worked hard to protect each other during the past year and I know that together we will continue this great work into the beginning of 2021 and beyond. I will continue to stay in contact with you over the next few weeks and will make you aware of any information that is required.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy and Safe New Year. 2020 has certainly been a year that we will all remember but I sincerely hope that 2021 brings much happier times.

Yours sincerely

Mr. S. Proctor