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Dear Parents/Carers,

On Monday, the teaching staff and I met to discuss how we could better support our children and families in the coming weeks. During the meeting we discussed both the wellbeing of the children, the academic provision we are offering and we started to make plans for the eventual reopening of the school. Our main priority continues to be the same regardless of the school being open or closed - the safety and mental wellbeing of our children and families. With this in mind, I would like to outline some changes to our current provision which will start as of Monday 27th April 2020.

Supporting the wellbeing of our children and families -

As of Monday 27th April 2020 the class teacher of your child's class will make a call to you every two weeks. This call is designed to allow the school to keep in contact with the children and their families much more effectively. We are very aware that such a big change, like not coming to school when they normally would, has been unsettling for many of our children. This has been compounded further as no end date is currently in place and the children start to realise that they have been off longer than they normally would be. All of the teachers agreed that this regular contact would be 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 for 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 get back to you or contact someone who can.

These calls will be made either by the school number or a withheld number. 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.

The Seesaw messages and book readings will continue to be provided for the children in their Seesaw accounts. These will be completed by a member of staff from their class or another class within the school. From the messages I have received, I know the children have really enjoyed these short videos. I know the staff have also appreciated the messages they have received from the children too.

Our wellbeing and safeguarding support contacts will remain in place until the school reopens and is back to full capacity. Mrs Burls has worked tirelessly to support a large number of families with a wide range of scenarios. Mrs Burls has contacts for agencies that can provide a range of support at this time, has the ability to support families struggling to purchase food and much more. The support we offer is for both the children and yourselves as adults, please reach out if you need support or someone to talk to at this difficult time. The details for our wellbeing and safeguarding support can be found below -

Wellbeingsupport@hadleigh-inf.essex.sch.uk

Offsite wellbeing and safeguarding support number - 07393584126

Academic support for our children and families -

I would like to start by saying a huge thank you for everything you are doing to support your child academically during this time of closure. I have received many emails, messages, videos and pictures from parents discussing what learning they have been completing since we closed. I have been overwhelmed by the amazing work you have been doing. I appreciate that some have found this transition from parent to teacher harder than others but I would like to say whatever activities you can complete with your children will have some educational value. Please do what you feel comfortable doing and remember to access the education support contacts if you require any additional support.

As explained in the letter dated Thursday 16th April 2020, the school will be sending out 6 activities to the children's Seesaw accounts per week. These activities will be short and the children should be able to complete them independently. The children in our Reception and Nursery classes may require some additional support from parents when completing these activities. Your child will be able to respond back to their teacher after completing the work. To access your Seesaw accounts, please use the QR codes that were sent out last week. It is our hope that the information pack we created for parents will support you with any small technical questions. If you are unable to find the answer you require, please do not hesitate to contact your year group support email. As a school we have also decided to place all year group activities on the school's website. This will allow families to access all of the activities that the school is providing. We are currently in the process of changing the school website to make it easier for families to access resources, videos and information during the closure. This should be completely up and running by the middle of next week.

On Monday, two new national learning resources were launched. If you would like to use them to supplement the learning we are providing, please use the links below:

The Oak National Academy provides online sessions from a wide range of subjects every day. These sessions involve watching a pre-recorded video of a teacher teaching a session, completing activities and viewing learning content on the screen. <https://www.thenational.academy/>
Appropriate for children in Reception - Year 2.

BBC Bitesize Daily Lessons also provides online sessions and covers a wide range of subject areas. These are interactive sessions that involve reading, watching videos and completing activities. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/dailylessons> Appropriate for children in Year 1 and Year 2.

If you require any support linked to the education of your child, please use the appropriate link below:

Hadleigh Infants and Nursery School Education Support for Parents:

For year group specific questions and guidance -

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

For general questions and guidance linked to education/home schooling -

Educationsupport@hadleigh-inf.essex.sch.uk

Offsite education support number - 07368938194

Plans for reopening -

At the moment the school has not been given a date for when we will reopen. As soon as I have information on this I will ensure that I inform parents straight away. With this being said, my team and I are working on models that could be used when the school is reopened. These models will ensure that the children are best supported on their arrival. Any decisions taken in the future will be driven by the guidance provided to school linked to how to best protect the children. The whole staffing team is dedicated to ensuring that whatever children need when they return either to support their wellbeing or academic achievement will be available for them. The ability to complete future planned school events will be dictated by guidance we have been given at the time of reopening. Again I will keep parents informed of any decisions taken linked to future planned school events as soon I have been given guidance on them. I would like to reassure parents that we will endeavor to be as creative as we can to ensure that transition into new year groups for our children will take place. I would also like to state that whatever happens moving forward we will have an appropriate send off for our Year 2 children. This may not take place at the conventional time of year but this will happen as soon as it can.

Finally, I would like to thank you all again for your support and understanding at this time. I do sincerely hope that we will be back to running at full capacity very soon but this cannot be rushed and will not be to the detriment of the safety of the children. I hope you are all well and remain safe over the coming weeks.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. S. Proctor
Head Teacher