



# Hadleigh Infants and Nursery School Academy

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Since the Coronavirus started to spread, the school has been in regular contact with, Essex County Council, The Department of Education and Public Health England. We have always and will continue to follow the advice that has been provided by these governing bodies. Although we have seen a small number of confirmed and suspected cases locally, we have been advised to take no further action at this time and continue to follow and implement local and nation-wide advice.

It is well documented that in the future it may be necessary to close some or all schools. This may be borough or nation-wide closures of all schools to try and stop the virus spreading amongst children, young persons or individual establishments if staffing levels reach critical mass due to staff being off work ill with the virus themselves. I would like to reassure parents that at this time, we have not been put on alert to close and at present we have no plans to close the school for any additional time.

As stated in my first letter regarding the virus, Hadleigh Infants and Nursery School have pre-planned for this event and this is the second in a series of communications to keep you informed of the situation. Please see further information at <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public> which details important information that you should make yourself familiar with. Further information can also be found on the school's dedicated page [https://www.hadleigh-inf.essex.sch.uk/web/coronavirus\\_updates/](https://www.hadleigh-inf.essex.sch.uk/web/coronavirus_updates/). I would like to reassure parents that if the school is required to close we have procedures in place to support areas such as communication and continuing to deliver education for our children, albeit at a much reduced level. We will continue to work closely with the Local Authority and if we are advised differently by Public Health England and the Department for Education to close, we will inform parents and carers immediately.

At Hadleigh Infants and Nursery School have increased cleaning regimes and practising infection control measures. We have also been teaching and encouraging the children to:

- Wash their hands using soap and water on a regular basis throughout the day;
- Cover their mouth when coughing or sneezing using tissues provided around the school;
- Throw away dirty tissues quickly into bins provided around the school.

We would strongly recommend that you consider this advice and continue these practices with the children when they are at home.

As ever, please ensure that the school has your most up to date contact details so that we can pass on advice as quickly as possible and can contact you if we have to close the school.

I will communicate with you again in the near future should the situation change.

Yours sincerely

Mr. S. Proctor