



# Hadleigh Infants and Nursery School Academy

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Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to start by thanking parents for their time and patience during the past two days while, as a school, we have waited to be informed of which children would fall under the 'Key Worker' list. This has now been published and further information can be found below and on our website. When considering if you fall within the Key Worker Group, please consider the Government has also made it clear that the following principles should be followed:

- If it is at all possible for children to be at home, then they should be.
- If a child needs specialist support, is vulnerable or has a parent who is a critical worker, then educational provision will be available for them.
- Parents should not rely for childcare upon those who are advised to be in the stringent social distancing category such as grandparents, friends, or family members with underlying conditions.
- Parents should also do everything they can to ensure children are not mixing socially in a way which can continue to spread the virus. They should observe the same social distancing principles as adults.

## **Key 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

## **Vulnerable children -**

Children with an EHCP

Children with an allocated Social Worker

Looked After children (children in care)

Young carers

Disabled children

For further information, linked to Key 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](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 Key Worker Group and it is not possible for your children to stay at home, please let the school know. I have been advised by Department of Education that we should check for proof of employment. As this is the case, please either come to the school office today with proof of employment (a work badge will be fine) or send an email with proof to [Keyworker@hadleigh-inf.essex.sch.uk](mailto:Keyworker@hadleigh-inf.essex.sch.uk) by 5pm on Saturday. If you are unable to access a computer or electrical device, I will also be at school tomorrow (Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2020) between the hours of 12pm and 5pm. I will ensure that all parents, whose children will be allowed to come to school on Monday, will be contacted by Sunday at the latest. Unfortunately, without proof of employment we will not be allowed to accept your child(ren) on Monday.

If your child falls within the Vulnerable category, the school will contact you today.

I can confirm for those children, who have parents who are Key Workers and for whom it is impossible to remain at home, will be able to attend school on Monday as long as proof of employment has been provided. School will be open from 7:30am for Breakfast Club until 6:00pm for After School Club. Normal school hours (8:45am - 3:10pm) will apply for any children who do not wish to use the wrap around care provision. I would ask parents that if it is possible not to use the Breakfast Club or After School Club they should. My staff and I are committed to ensuring this provision runs as long as physically and practically possible. I will inform those who are still attending school if this is to change. A lunch menu for the children attending will be put on the website by the end of the day. If you are attending the school on Monday, I ask that all children are dropped off at the hall. Further information will be provided to parents linked to where to collect their children from on Monday morning. All children attending the school on Monday will still be expected to wear school uniform.

I would like to reiterate my thanks to parents for your understanding and support at this difficult and challenging time. If you require any further support linked to area of Key Workers, please contact the main office.

Yours sincerely

Mr. S. Proctor