



# *Hindhayes*

## INFANT SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are all very upset to be closing our doors tomorrow to the children, families and staff that make Hindhayes Infants the amazing school that it is. We feel that it is even harder to be doing so as there is no definite date of when they will reopen for all pupils. All we can do is hope that it won't be for too long and that we will be able to welcome you back as soon as possible.

What we know at this time is as much as you. We have had very little guidance from the Local Authority or the Government and so are at this time making a plan that we feel is fit for purpose for those families who will still be called on during the coming weeks to continue to provide the care and essential provisions for the rest of us. We do have families within our community who we know are classed as front line staff. They are the key workers e.g. those who work for the NHS, delivery drivers and the police force. At this time, we are still confirming the guidance around employees working within social care, those of us who are teachers and parents and those people working in supermarkets (there has to be someone to accept the deliveries doesn't there?).

What we do know is that if there is one parent who can stay at home then that parent now must and they must try to provide for their children from Monday morning. For those who need care there will be staff here to provide child care. As you can imagine what this will look like will be an evolving picture throughout the next forty-eight hours. We have tried to gather information from parent this morning who have been dropping off and I know that some families have emailed in to the school office, if you think that you might be in this group and we have not heard from you it is essential that you please inform us by the end of today.

As you can imagine, the hard work of all of the staff this year with the children and their classes to ensure that they were on track to meet the expected targets has been, as always commendable. In the last few weeks as we have moved towards a school closure they have been supportive of their colleagues and flexible to never ending and daily changes to their normal teaching requirements. During this time, they have tried to maintain a high level of teaching in the classroom and ensured that the emotional needs of the children have been met. What a cracking team we have!

I know that lots of you have commented on the clear and up to date communication from the office team and so again a thank to Mike, Scott and Vicki for all that they have done to ensure that you are as up to date as you can be.

We will let you know our final plans and the information that you will need as soon as it is confirmed.

Best Wishes

Kate Nester  
Head Teacher

