



# MEADGATE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

Following yesterday's announcement that schools are to close for the vast majority of our pupils, senior members of staff across the trust met today to discuss the implications of what was announced.

From Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March the school will be closed for all pupils **except those** who are children of key workers or those who are classed as vulnerable. These include children who have an education, health and care plan (EHCP) or those who have a named social worker. Please note that if this applies to you this is not compulsory and your children can stay at home with you if you wish. A key worker is someone that is needed to be at the frontline of the fight against coronavirus. Currently the government has given examples of key workers being; NHS staff, the police or delivery drivers. I was hopeful that further examples would be provided to us all by the government by the time that you receive this letter. I will of course send this to you when we receive it.

As a result of the school closures we expect to have a significantly reduced number of pupils attending school on Monday. To help us plan for this please indicate on the form below or by emailing us on [admin@meadgate.essex.sch.uk](mailto:admin@meadgate.essex.sch.uk) if you consider yourself to be a key worker. If we do not hear from you we will assume that we will not see your child/ren at school.

If you are a parent of a pupil with an EHCP or have a named social worker attached to your family, we also require you to return the form below, or email us, to confirm that your child/ren will be attending school on Monday.

If your children are at school from Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March because you are a key worker, your child has an EHCP or your family has a named social worker, please note that the school will not be operating as normal. We will not have a full staff in place and our children will be cared for together with a significantly reduced workforce. It is my intention to rotate available staff during the school closures to reduce social interaction.

I would like to remind you that if your child is attending school the current Public Health England advice remains in place and will continue to do so for the foreseeable future. Therefore if your child or anyone in your household develops a new, continuous cough and/or has a high temperature you should all self-isolate for 14 days and let us know if you are not attending school. If you are not attending school then you do not need to contact us but you must follow this guidance if we are to reduce the risk of infection across our communities.

Best wishes

Mr Joseph Figg