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Dear Parents/Carers

Good evening,

Tonight's announcement of another National lockdown has come as a blow following a day working on opening the school safely to as many children as possible. However, that said, it also comes with some relief. The Covid numbers in Havant are worryingly high and many of our school community have been affected by this horrible virus.

With effect from tomorrow, school will be closed to all children except those whose parents are critical workers or vulnerable. With some hindsight we sent out a form on Sunday asking you if you are either of these categories. We have those results, Kingfishers, Blackbirds, Eagles and Kestrels Keyworker parents have already been contacted. Key workers of Robins, Wagtails, Doves, Woodpeckers and Owls have not, however I have looked through your responses and would invite all of those who applied to come to school, if you have no other choice.

Can I remind you, like last time we would only urge to send your children in to school if you truly have no other choice, maybe both parents are critical workers, home learning is the safest option for everyone. It is also easier for the school to provide better quality home-school learning with face to face zoom teaching if the numbers in school are lower. We will of course, remain in contact with all our families and we will always work with you to help and support if times get tough, nothing is ever set in stone.

We will go on the proviso that a minimal number of key workers and vulnerable children will attend tomorrow, this will allow us time to contact all key workers and organise routines for home learning.

I know I say this often, but I do truly mean it, you have all been amazing during this pandemic, I know you will be worried, I am about my own children, but please trust we will do everything in our power to ease us all back into this lockdown. Do not suffer alone, we are here to help.

A few practical things to consider if you are in:

- School uniform is required
- Please enter through your child's current door, at your current time slot and someone will be on the main gate to support you if you have questions
- School lunches will be available for those entitled to FSM but are not in school, but may take some time to organise
- Breakfast and beehive club will run tomorrow, this will be reviewed depending on take up

Best wishes and stay safe,

Mrs L A de Carteret
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