

3<sup>rd</sup> January 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

You may be aware of increasing opposition to the Department for Education's plan for the start of term for primary schools, since the identification of a new strain of the COVID variant and the resulting rise in infections. In certain parts of the country, primary schools have moved to remote learning for all but vulnerable children and those of key workers.

School Unions, acting on behalf of school staff, have now united in calling on the government to move all schools and colleges in England to remote education for at least the first two weeks of term because of rising Covid infections and the impact of the new variant of the virus.

All school staff fully support keeping education functioning as fully as possible during the Covid crisis but are also very concerned about the safety of pupils, staff, parents and the community. Staff have been advised by their unions to support key worker and vulnerable pupil provision but also to exercise their right to safety in their working environment.

We thought it was important to let you know in these important times that **Havelock Infant School will remain open to all pupils as normal at this current time from the 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021**. As always we are fully committed to the health, safety and wellbeing of our pupils, staff, families and community. We will of course be in contact with you as the situation develops further.

All protective measures that were in place before Christmas will remain and we are constantly updating our risk assessment during these next few days.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back at the drop off times that have been in place since September. Please continue to be extremely vigilant with social distancing and wear face coverings on school premises.

Yours sincerely



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