

4<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

You will have been made aware tonight that a national lockdown has been declared starting at midnight on 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021. As such, schools have been instructed to offer remote teaching and learning for the majority of pupils with only critical worker and vulnerable children coming into school for face to face teaching.

This announcement has come at 8pm and extremely late notice to fully implement for tomorrow morning. **As such we are only offering critical worker and vulnerable provision tomorrow for those who applied and accessed the provision in the summer term or who have had a place confirmed today if you are in Y3/4 or 5.**

If you feel that you are a critical worker but had not accessed the provision previously or your circumstances have changed and you are now a critical worker where you might not have been previously please contact the school during the day on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021 either by telephone or by emailing [office@havelockschools.org.uk](mailto:office@havelockschools.org.uk). We will then make a space available as soon as possible upon receipt of critical worker status information proof from your employer.

Please follow this link for details of those who are now considered to be critical workers and therefore entitled to this provision:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

For reception parents, if you have a child in an older year group who accessed our provision in the summer term your reception child can also attend the critical worker provision tomorrow. For all other reception parents please apply for a place tomorrow to start later in the week.

**We will be in direct contact with all parents that have a place in our provision for tomorrow. If you do not hear from us tonight or first thing in the morning please do not bring your child to school tomorrow.**

Those pupils attending the provision tomorrow should continue to follow all previous times and drop off arrangements that have been in place since September.

Teachers will provide learning in year groups for those that are present and the same online learning will be delivered to those that are at home via Microsoft Teams. We apologise for the inconvenience that this may cause for you but we were only informed of this decision at 8pm too.

At any point through this closure, if you need any resources, help or support please contact us immediately. This is an unknown situation for us all and we can help each other by keeping in touch and sharing any concerns we have along the way. We will always do our utmost to support you in any way we can.

Yours sincerely



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