

# Hart Plain Junior School

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Dear Parents/Carers

Following the MarvellousMe update yesterday, I need to let you know that there have been some further developments which, unfortunately, affect the full opening of school tomorrow for some children. As I am sure you are all aware, all of the main teaching and school leadership unions have expressed concerns to the government about the decision for primary schools to return to full opening tomorrow, particularly in Tier 4 areas, and this concern has been expressed in a variety of ways.

We have today been informed that we have teachers that have made the decision to follow their union advice not to attend school in person, whilst schools remain fully open to all children, due to health and safety concerns for staff, children and their families, and this will be in place initially for the first two weeks of term. We know this is not a decision that they have taken lightly, and is a reflection of their concern regarding the local and national case rates, rather than any specific unsafe practices at Hart Plain Junior School.

We will therefore need to implement a partial closure of those classes without a teacher from tomorrow and will need to move to remote learning. At this stage we are unable to offer provision for key worker and vulnerable pupils for these classes but this is an ever changing situation and we will make contact with you as soon as possible regarding this. From Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021 Year 4 will be closed to pupils and online learning will be available for this year group on our chosen platform Google Classroom. Currently, the school will be open for pupils in Years 3, 5 and 6 only.

I understand that many of you will have concerns regarding sending your children back to school. I am not going to be pursuing fines at this stage but absence will be unauthorised if your child's class is open. We are also unable to provide remote learning for children where this decision has been made.

We apologise that this will inconvenience a number of families. We will endeavour to keep you informed of any further developments.

Yours sincerely

Charlotte Faithfull  
Headteacher

Mr Jay Mullineaux  
Chair of Governors