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Dear parents and carers,

Covid-19: National Lockdown 2 - Tuesday 5th January 2021

Following the Government's announcement on Monday 4th January, I write to inform you that we will be temporarily moving to remote learning for all children at Hill Avenue Academy from Tuesday 5th January 2021.

The school will have a deep clean today in preparation for the staff, children of critical key workers and the most vulnerable children to access emergency childcare provision on Wednesday 6th January from 8:45am to 3:15pm.

ONLY the children of critical key worker parents and the most vulnerable children should access the emergency childcare provision.

We strongly discourage you from using this provision unless for emergency childcare.

By 2pm today, please contact the main school office with your proof of employment, ID and payslip (financial details removed), before your child can be accepted.

This will enable critical worker parents to continue their vital roles in our communities. We are grateful to all key worker parents in our communities and wish them the best of luck during this second lockdown.

The government have advised that this second lockdown may last until February but we will notify you as and when we receive any updates that may change these circumstances.

I appreciate that this is a sensitive subject for so many of our families but I am sure you will understand that this is an ever-changing picture that the Governing Body and we must respond to accordingly.

I sincerely apologise for the short notice and disruption that this may cause families but we will ensure that remote learning will be available for all children as well as regular communication via Parentmail, Microsoft Teams, Year group emails and telephone calls.

I would like to recognise and thank all the staff and employees of Hill Avenue Academy for their continued professionalism and unwavering commitment towards educating and supporting the children/families during the most challenging of times.

Please stay safe, adhere to the government guidelines and do everything you can to reduce the risk of infection for you, your children and the nation.

Yours Sincerely,

Mr E Hateley

Critical workers

Parents whose work is critical to the coronavirus (COVID-19) and EU transition response include those who work in health and social care and in other key sectors outlined in the following sections.

Health and social care

This includes, but is not limited to, doctors, nurses, midwives, paramedics, social workers, care workers, and other frontline health and social care staff including volunteers; the support and specialist staff required to maintain the UK's health and social care sector; those working as part of the health and social care supply chain, including producers and distributors of medicines and medical and personal protective equipment.

Education and childcare

This includes:

- childcare
- support and teaching staff
- social workers
- specialist education professionals who must remain active during the coronavirus (COVID-19) response to deliver this approach

Key public services

This includes:

- those essential to the running of the justice system
- religious staff
- charities and workers delivering key frontline services
- those responsible for the management of the deceased
- journalists and broadcasters who are providing public service broadcasting

Local and national government

This only includes those administrative occupations essential to the effective delivery of:

- the coronavirus (COVID-19) response, and the delivery of and response to EU transition
- essential public services, such as the payment of benefits and the certification or checking of goods for import and export (including animal products, animals, plants and food), including in government agencies and arms length bodies

Food and other necessary goods

This includes those involved in food:

- production
- processing
- distribution
- sale and delivery

- as well as those essential to the provision of other key goods (for example hygienic and veterinary medicines)

Public safety and national security

This includes:

- police and support staff
- Ministry of Defence civilians
- contractor and armed forces personnel (those critical to the delivery of key defence and national security outputs and essential to the response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak and EU transition)
- fire and rescue service employees (including support staff)
- National Crime Agency staff
- those maintaining border security, prison and probation staff and other national security roles, including those overseas

Transport and border

This includes those who will keep the air, water, road and rail passenger and freight transport modes operating during the coronavirus (COVID-19) response and EU transition, including those working on transport systems through which supply chains pass and those constructing or supporting the operation of critical transport and border infrastructure through which supply chains pass.

Utilities, communication and financial services

This includes:

- staff needed for essential financial services provision (including but not limited to workers in banks, building societies and financial market infrastructure)
- the oil, gas, electricity and water sectors (including sewerage)
- information technology and data infrastructure sector and primary industry supplies to continue during the coronavirus (COVID-19) response
- key staff working in the civil nuclear, chemicals, telecommunications (including but not limited to network operations, field engineering, call centre staff, IT and data infrastructure, 999 and 111 critical services)
- postal services and delivery
- payments providers
- waste disposal sectors