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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am sorry to have to contact you at this late stage on a Sunday evening.

You may be aware from the news that The National Education Union and Unison have written to Head Teachers informing us that their members have the right to refuse to attend the school setting to teach whole classes of children.

This afternoon I have received letters from a number of teaching and support staff informing me that due to the current Tier 4 restrictions, the high and rising rates of infection in Hartlepool, that they do not feel it is safe or appropriate for them to teach whole classes of children, within our school.

Due to this ongoing situation, I can therefore only open school tomorrow for the children of critical workers and those classed as vulnerable, who were previously identified and used the provision between March and June. Letters will be sent via email to those families tonight. Unfortunately extended provision will not be available and critical worker provision will follow the hours of the normal school day ( 8.50 – 3.00pm).

As a parent myself I fully appreciate how frustrating and difficult this will be for a number of you and how concerned you will be about your child's education. Holy Trinity Staff are fully planned and prepared to ensure learning for those children who are not in school is switched to online by lunch time on Monday.

If you have not accessed the critical worker / vulnerable provision previously, but believe you fall into this category, please contact the school, after 9am on Monday, to discuss your needs.

Sadly, all of this is beyond the control of myself, and the Academy Trust. We have followed all of the advice from the DFE and updated our risk assessments for tier 4 however, we have to respect the communication we have received from concerned staff.

Once we have more clarity from the unions involved and the DFE I will write again to update you.

Yours sincerely  
Mrs A E Baines  
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