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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas and wish each of you a Happy New Year.

You will have been following in the news that some primary schools, including the whole of London, are teaching remotely from tomorrow.

You may also be aware that the two largest teaching unions, representing 750,000 members, are calling for staff to work from home, educating children remotely, because of the risks identified with the new Coronavirus variant. This is also to enable schools to review and consult with staff on the risk assessments in place.

I have also been informed that a number of staff are needing to self-isolate over the next few days.

The school wants to stay open and have been working on the risk assessments and other school matters this weekend, including assessing the staffing capacity to see if this is possible.

Wokingham Borough Council has, late this afternoon, said that it will support schools which choose to teach remotely for the first two days of term, to allow risk assessments to be updated and consulted upon.

I have consulted with the Deputy Headteachers and the Chair of Governors, and have made the decision that **Charvil Primary School will not be open for two days, being Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th January 2021.**

We will provide on-site provision for children of Key Workers or vulnerable children during these two days. If you qualify for this provision please email the Charvil school office with the header 'Key Worker Provision'. **Other lessons will take place remotely for all year groups.**

I understand the timing of this message is not ideal but would hope you appreciate the fast moving nature of the situation we are facing.

Yours faithfully

D J Gray
Headteacher



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