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Dear Parents/Carers,

I apologise for interrupting your weekend but I felt that it was important to update you on the current situation regarding schools and the Covid-19 crisis.

With the new variant strain leading to high transmission rates in West Sussex, we now find ourselves in a very different position from when we broke-up for the Christmas holidays. As a school, we have always felt confident with the measures that we have put in place to mitigate the risk of Covid-19 and we have had two terms of a full bill of health as a result. However, the science surrounding the new Covid-19 variant worries us greatly, as there is growing concern about its more rapid transmission and evidence to suggest that it is affecting younger children to a greater extent.

Collectively, the Teaching Unions are currently appealing to the Government for all schools to move to online teaching for the next 2 weeks to reduce infection rates and to protect the health of everyone in schools: pupils, staff, families and local communities.

I will write to inform you as soon as I am made aware of any changes, but in the meantime please be prepared for the possibility that St. Peter's may be closed for the next couple of weeks and learning will move online. In this instance, we will again be offering limited spaces to vulnerable and key worker pupils. More details about how to apply for this will be sent out once the status of school opening is confirmed.

Yours sincerely,

D. Maurice
Headteacher

