



Friday 25th September 2020

Dear Parents,

I am writing to ask for your help. We are so lucky here at Hartwell Primary to have such great wrap around care through Happy Hols. Having worked in several schools over the years, I can honestly say that the quality, dedication and care that Wendy and her team provide is excellent.

Like most aspects of all our lives currently, COVID-19 has made an impact on Happy Hols seeing numbers being low and continuing to decline. Happy Hols is currently running at a significant loss. This loss is being covered in the short-term through the government 'bounce back loan' and through me being the second member of staff on site on quieter sessions. If numbers remain the same or continue to decrease, Happy Hols can only be sustained for a couple more months. Happy Hols is in real danger of closure leaving our children and families unsupported for care provision.

It is completely understandable that parents only use the provision when they need to and I understand many have reduced or stopped sessions currently due to working from home. I would like to urge those of you who can support Happy Hols at this time by using the wrap around care in whatever small way you can as we need Happy Hols to survive.

I feel incredibly saddened that Happy Hols is vulnerable to closure at Hartwell as I know how lucky we are to have quality wrap around care that goes much further than most other school's wrap around care.

Thank you for your understanding and support,

Jamie Pardon