

HBK Update, Friday 22 January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Remote learning at Hinchingbrooke; Parent Survey - have your say! - Message from Mrs Tandy, Vice-Principal

Thank you to everyone who has already responded to this survey. If you have not done this yet, there is still time to provide feedback for us. We are keen to get feedback from parents, students and staff about how everybody feels remote learning is going during this lockdown. This will enable us to see what is going well, make improvements or adjustments where a need is identified, and to see how far we have improved since the Spring lockdown 2020. **The survey will be open until midday on Wednesday 27th January** and we would encourage as many parents as possible to respond please so that the views are as representative as possible. Please also encourage your child/children to respond to the student survey, which has been sent to their school email, as their voice is equally important. We will share the feedback with you later in the half term and thank you in anticipation of your responses.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=vDuWFAXs0yVOcrxk6wMlnohB-HX4xiKsIIu74MhQZUMjZGUzBXM1RIWVI2SzJDQzg3MkxCMkUzRS4u>

Vulnerable and Key Worker School – Message from Ms Nightingale, Vice-Principal

Just a reminder of the criteria for being allocated a place at the Hinchingbrooke Vulnerable and Key Worker School:

Key/Critical Worker: 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. Children with at least one parent or carer who is a critical worker can go to school or college if required, **but parents and carers should keep their children at home if they can.** The school can also request evidence to support your status.

Vulnerable Student: Students who have an EHC Plan, a child protection plan or who are looked after

The government advice remains that **if you are able to keep your child at home, that you should do so.** If you are finding it difficult to motivate your child at home, please contact their Head of Year or Student Support Officer. Key Worker/Vulnerable places will not be offered for this reason, but there is much we can do to support you.

Attendance - Message from Ms Nightingale, Vice-Principal

Whilst school is currently closed to all but Keyworker/Vulnerable students, and whilst our remaining students are remote learning, we are still required, by law, to accurately record attendance in school, engagement in remote learning and absence due to illness or medical appointments etc. The information will also provide teachers with an accurate picture of who will be attending their on-line lessons, and who they need to follow up with for non-engagement.

To this end, please ensure that you call the school first thing in the morning to notify us if your child is not well or has a medical appointment and therefore will not be engaging with their lessons on that day, whether they are learning from home remotely, or are attending the Vulnerable and Key Worker School.

Lower School, Years 7 & 8: Mrs Nicola Darbyshire, Lower School Administrator

Direct dial 01480 420522

Middle School, Years 9 to 11: Mrs Julie Connor, Middle School Administrator

Direct dial 01480 420506

Alternatively, please dial the main school telephone number, 01480 375700 and follow the instructions given.

Wishing everyone a safe and relaxing weekend.

Kind regards,

Mark Patterson
Principal