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Dear Parents and Carers

## **HBK update following Prime Minister's announcement this evening**

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The Prime Minister has announced this evening that schools will be closed until February half term, for all but the children of critical workers and those students who are designated as vulnerable - the school will remain open for them and if you have already booked your place, please send your child into school from tomorrow, as needed.

Tomorrow morning, we will reopen the form that parents can use to book a place in school, if your child meets the criteria for being designated as vulnerable and/or if as a parent you have key worker status - if you have already submitted your form, you should have also already been allocated a place for your child, and you do not need to apply again.

For almost all students, we will provide remote learning from tomorrow until February half term. We had already planned to provide live online teaching, as far as possible, for Year 11 and Year 13 students this week and to set work on Doodle for students in Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12. We will carry on with this plan for this week but our intention will now be to move to remote learning that includes a live/interactive element for all students from next Monday 11 January.

Further updates to come on this and other matters, such as mass testing, during this week - we will send a ParentMail each day, even if it is just a brief one, to ensure that we are providing all of the information that you need at this time.

Keep safe.

We are Hinchingsbrooke.

Mark Patterson

Principal