

1 January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

### **Update about arrangements at HBK for the first weeks of the Spring term 2021**

A very happy new year to you all! Following the Government's schools announcement on Wednesday this week, the start of the Spring term at HBK will now look like this:

#### **Monday 4 January**

Training day, staff in school to plan for students' remote learning and to plan for mass testing; students on holiday.

#### **Tuesday 5 to Friday 8 January**

Children of key workers and vulnerable students whose parents have booked places will be in school following a special timetable for the 4 days. The students should be at the Food Court each morning in time to register at 8.45am; they should wear their school uniform. Ms Nightingale will be in touch over the next few days to confirm places for students whose parents have booked a place.

**Year 11 and Year 13 students** will be working remotely from home, based on their normal timetable, from 5 to 8 January. Teachers will contact Year 13 students in their usual way to direct their remote learning. Year 11 students should log on to Doodle before 9am each day to access their work and/or receive further instructions. As far as we are able to, this will include some lessons being delivered live on Microsoft Teams. There are some help videos and remote learning guidelines on the school website here, if needed:

<https://www.hinchingsbrookeschool.net/page/?title=Remote+Learning+%2D+Support+%26amp%3B+Information&pid=856>

**Year 11 'vulnerable' students and students who are the children of key workers:** if your child falls into one of these categories, the form to book a place in school for Tuesday 5 to Friday 8 January can be found here:

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=vDuWFAXs0yVOcrxk6wMlhay\\_x-4GdhBlpwTj-tuhJUOEFaNEVINEU5M1RMNEIBTUFIRU45SEs1QS4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=vDuWFAXs0yVOcrxk6wMlhay_x-4GdhBlpwTj-tuhJUOEFaNEVINEU5M1RMNEIBTUFIRU45SEs1QS4u)

The deadline for booking a place is 5pm on Sunday 3 January; we apologise for not sending this out sooner.

**Students in Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12** will be remote learning from home. For students in these year groups, departments will upload a task or series of tasks on Doodle (or other appropriate platform for Y12) on the day of the first subject lesson next week, that could reasonably be done within the number of subject lessons over the 4 days next week.

#### **Monday 11 to Friday 15 January**

Year 11 and Year 13 students will have lessons in school; children of key workers and vulnerable students will be in school; students in Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12 will continue to learn remotely from home but we expect that in this week a number of their lessons will be delivered live online by teachers.

**Free School Meals:** those families with children eligible for free school meals will receive an email with vouchers, as they have over the Christmas break.

**BTEC live exams:** there are some BTEC exams taking place in school over the next few weeks. These involve a small number of students (mostly Year 12s) and we are planning for the exams to take place; we will be in contact with all of those involved to confirm arrangements as soon as possible.

**Monday 18 January onwards**

We anticipate that all students will be back in school from this date.

Thank you for your patience with all of the updates and the changing information we are giving you; we will keep in touch as this evolving situation unfolds.

Best wishes

Mark Patterson

Principal