

## Principal's Message - Week Ending 02 10 20

Dear Parents and Carers

### **COVID-19 update**

The school had its first confirmed case of COVID-19 yesterday. Please rest assured that if you have not had personal contact from the school as a result of the Track and Trace process, this means we believe your child is not affected and they should continue to attend school as normal (unless, of course, they are unwell, have symptoms of COVID-19 etc). We contacted the East of England Public Health Team yesterday as soon as we became aware that we had a confirmed case, they asked us a number of questions about our situation and they then advised us about the action to take. This involved seeking to identify what Public Health defines as 'close contacts' of the person that has tested positive for COVID-19 and advising those contacts to self-isolate for 14 days from the day they were in close contact with the person who tested positive for COVID-19. We did that. The Public Health Team also provided two letters, one to give to parents of the close contacts and a second letter to be used, at schools' discretion, to inform all parents of a case of COVID-19. I sent you the all-parents letter yesterday.

In the event of further confirmed cases of COVID-19, we will follow the same process that is described above, the key element being immediately contacting Public Health and following the advice they give us.

It is important that we all continue to follow Government and the school's guidelines about hand-washing, using hand sanitiser, wearing a face covering and keeping our distance and I would like to thank all parents for reminding your children about these important things.

### **Remote Learning Provision at HBK**

Mr Cooke, Vice-Principal, sent the updated version of our guidelines to all parents yesterday, via ParentMail. Hopefully, you have had the opportunity to read them.

### **Thank you**

Students, parents and staff have been brilliant during these very challenging times and I would like, especially, to praise our students for their resilience, their cheerfulness and their willingness to do what we are asking of them every day. We know it is not easy. Well done to our students!

Keep safe.

Kind regards,

Mark Patterson

Principal