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## HBK Update, Monday 1 June 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you had a good half-term and you and your children were able to enjoy some much-needed and well-deserved rest and relaxation! The sunshine certainly helps a bit!

### News about wider reopening

In line with the Government's most recent advice, **wider reopening for Year 10s and Year 12s at HBK will start from the week beginning 15 June**. We will soon be writing to you with details of our plans for Year 10s and Year 12s. Please be reassured that we are taking a sensible, safety-first approach in our planning.

We are also planning to upgrade our home learning provision this term, as I mentioned before half term, since the earliest students in Years 7 to 9 will return is September.

### COVID-19 in Huntingdon

Some of you may be aware of news that spread on social media last week that Huntingdon is a COVID 'hotspot'. Below is a hopefully reassuring email sent to me by Jonathan Lewis, the Service Director – Education at Cambridgeshire Local Authority. As soon as there is further news, I will send it to you.

To Huntingdonshire Headteachers,

Concerns were raised on social media last night about 'hotspots' of Covid-19' in Huntingdonshire and a number of you have contacted me for further information.

I've discussed this with our Director of Public Health, Dr Liz Robin, who has provided the following advice:

*'As Director of Public Health, I'm aware that Huntingdonshire has reported some Covid-19 'hotspots.*

*I'd like to make it clear that this refers to information from GP practices on the numbers of people who contact them with symptoms, which might or might not be coronavirus. These are **not** hotspots of confirmed cases of Covid-19. There is no need for schools to take immediate action on this, or to close to the children of keyworkers. The usual social distancing, handwashing and hygiene measures should continue to be followed.*

*A further update will be provided, when I've had the opportunity to review a wider range of information.'*

I trust this provide some reassurance at this stage and I will provide further information when I can. Best wishes, Jon

### FAQ 2

#### Will schools be 'back to normal' from September?

This is a very understandable question. Schools locked down on 23 March and by September students – particularly Years 7, 8 and 9 students – will have been out of school for a long time. We don't know now what the school

situation will be in September – no one does. We are following carefully the guidance from the Government and the Government is bound to take account of the medical and scientific advice it receives as events unfold between now and the end of the summer holidays. As wider reopening progresses, the two key factors for the school will be the guidance around social distancing (currently, this says that we must plan for a gap of 2 metres between people, which has a huge impact on the number of people we can fit into a classroom) and the availability of staff, some of whom are currently shielding.

If you have a question that you think all parents would like to see answered, please send it to [communications@hinchbk.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:communications@hinchbk.cambs.sch.uk).

Take care and be safe.

Best wishes

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