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HBK Update, 7 May 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Parent survey about lockdown

Many thanks to all of you who completed our lockdown survey; we got around 400 responses. We are looking carefully now at what you have said and we will be thinking about any actions we need to take as a result of your responses. As soon as we are able, we will share with you the collated survey results and details of the actions we plan to take.

Improving Hinchingsbrooke School

Although our key priority next year will be to manage our way through the current pandemic - getting everyone back into school, helping them catch up, and so on - we are also duty-bound, each year, to have a plan to improve the school and to work to achieve that plan. We are currently drafting our plan for 2020-21, which Hinchingsbrooke School governors will discuss/agree on prior to moving forward. The Plan is likely to include a small number of key priorities: Improving students' progress and attainment; Improving the quality of teaching; Improving the curriculum (that is, the subjects and other school experiences we provide) and Improving students' behaviour for learning - a short School Development Plan focusing on a small number of very important things. We will update you further as our draft plan proceeds.

School plan for when we come out of lockdown

We are currently working on our plan for when schools are asked/required to reopen by the Government. This is a detailed piece of work and it will rely on the most up to date advice from Government and Public Health England. As soon as we have more information, we will let you know.

Year 10 RPE Grades

We welcomed a recent announcement from the DfE that schools will be asked to submit centre assessed grades for Year 10 students; this affects our Year 10 students because they would have sat the RPE GCSE this summer. It means that all our Year 10 students that were entered for the RPE GCSE this summer will receive an RPE GCSE grade. The RPE grades will be announced on the 20th of August.

Recognising the challenges parents face

One of the things a number of parents said through comments in the recent lockdown survey was that keeping their children working as if they were at school at this time is extraordinarily challenging. Many parents work full or part time, either away from home or from home, and even when they are there, it's very hard to keep their children working as if things were 'normal'.

Things are not normal; we entirely understand that and I want to reassure parents that Hinchingsbrooke staff (many of whom are parents themselves!) understand the challenges parents face at this time, only one of which is to keep their children doing some kind of productive school work. Please be assured of that and do talk to us if you need to; we are ALL in this together.

Keep safe and well.

Best wishes

Mark Patterson
Principal