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HBK Update, Tuesday 19 May 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

HBK parent survey results

We recently surveyed you about the lockdown and we had nearly 400 responses – thank you very much to those who were able to respond.

Attached are the results for questions 1 to 5, presented as pie charts. The survey responses have helped us to review how lockdown is going, by giving us a sense of what a good-sized proportion of HBK parents are thinking. We have not published the text written by parents in response to survey question 6, to protect confidentiality, but please be reassured that if you made comments, senior staff have read them.

The main issue we are currently working to improve involves how we can increase the amount of interaction between staff and students, including how we might provide students with feedback about their work, or at least some of their work (our online system for setting work, Doodle, was NOT designed to enable students to show teachers the work they have done or to interact with teachers; it is essentially a tool for setting homework). We recognise that this is particularly important for students in Years 7 to 9, who face the rest of this school year working remotely. We will write to you again, straight after half term, to tell you what we will do to improve in these areas.

I would like to thank all of those students who are quietly and studiously getting on with the work that teachers are setting. They should know that this is important work they are doing, and it will help them not to fall behind during these extraordinary times. Parents, please pass on our thanks to your children, and thank **you** for supporting and encouraging them.

Years 10 and 12

We are cautiously planning for students in Year 10 and Year 12 to have the opportunity for ‘face to face support’ from the school after half term, in line with recent Government announcements. The Government has asked us to complete a comprehensive Risk Assessment linked to partial reopening, and we are currently working on that. The Risk Assessment asks the school to demonstrate how it plans to reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19 in the event of wider reopening.

The Government has told us that they intend to review the pandemic at the end of May and to issue further guidance to schools shortly after that, about wider reopening.

Very best wishes

Mark Patterson
Principal