

April 2020

**Re: Coronavirus update**

Dear parents/carers

I hope that you are all well and safe. I can't believe that we are entering week 6, since the school closed to the majority of students. I trust that you managed to enjoy the Easter break. We had a busy two weeks over Easter delivering activities for Key Worker and Vulnerable children. We have continued to support a large number of students and their families at lunch and tea time and delivered food parcels. We are really proud of our staff and thank them for their continued support and for working throughout the Easter holidays including the bank holidays.

You may be aware that we have now produced 6,000 visors and almost 1,000 scrubs bags for the NHS, Doctors Surgeries, Care Homes, West Yorkshire Police, Ambulance Service and Pharmacies. We set out to make 200 visors and we made a staggering 4,200 in two weeks. I am very proud of our staff, our achievements and honoured to support our community and the NHS during these unrepresented times. You can follow our progress on twitter, facebook and the school website.

Since my last correspondence we now have a greater understanding of what is required of us in terms of the awarding of grades for those students in Years 11 and 13. We will be doing a great deal of work to get this right so that our students get the results they deserve come August. I plan to write to Year 11 and Year 13 with more details very soon.

On Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April we resumed our remote learning with students in Years 7 to 10 and 12. The feedback from parents and carers so far is overwhelming positive and we believe we have the balance right. We understand that it can be difficult for you to manage learning at home and it is a huge 'well done' for any progress made. I would suggest that it is a time for not worrying about what everyone else is doing, but to focus on the basics and what works in your house. We continue to use Show My Homework, Hegarty Maths and Doodle with all students and we have launched GCSEPod to Year 9 and 10 students. If you are unable to access the internet and would prefer a work pack, please do not hesitate to contact us by telephone 01274 776200 stating your child's full name and form group or via email at [studentquestions@hansonacademy.org.uk](mailto:studentquestions@hansonacademy.org.uk).

Despite national issues with FSM vouchers we have continued to provide food for our families. Thank you for your patience with this scheme. As you will appreciate Edenred (Voucher Scheme Company) have been overwhelmed by the number of orders nationally. We have persevered and we have now sent out the first two weeks FSM vouchers. For more information about the FSM vouchers and how to redeem them please visit the school website. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you would like to discuss the FSM voucher scheme.

Please remember: if you or your child feels ill and you want to know what to do next, please use NHS 111. Thank you again for your continued support. Please take care and stay safe.

Yours sincerely



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