



# Herne Bay High School

## Specialist Sports College

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Dear Parent/Carer,

As I am sure you are aware, the situation with regard to Coronavirus/COVID-19 continues to develop and as such, I wanted to keep you updated.

Although the Italian region that the HBHS ski trip visited is **NOT** one of the areas that the Italian government has locked down, we have asked the parents and carers of those students who went on the ski trip to keep their child at home until Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March in the first instance and make individual contact with the NHS for advice - this is also the case for the staff who attended the trip.

A couple of students from the trip have a cough and have been instructed by the NHS, as a purely precautionary measure, to isolate themselves prior to being tested.

As you may be aware very few of those people tested prove positive for Coronavirus/COVID-19. Indeed, as of 8<sup>th</sup> March 2020, some 23,513 people have been tested in the UK, of which the vast majority, some 23,240, were confirmed negative and 273 were confirmed as positive.

Please be reassured that the school will continue to follow the guidance it receives from the government, Public Health England, the NHS, the Department for Education and the local authority.

We would ask that parents and carers also follow this advice – please note that we have a designated section on our school website devoted to the Coronavirus/Covid-19, that gives information and links to the key organisations.

<https://www.hernebayhigh.org/information/coronavirus/>

Kind regards,

**Jon Boyes**  
Principal