



**HPP - Coronavirus Update**

**24<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

Dear All,

Due to the current situation that we all find ourselves in, HPP has taken the decision to follow government guidelines: we cannot in good conscious operate our business whilst all official advice is to minimise unnecessary contact, maintain effective social distancing and promote a culture of self-isolation in order to slow the spread of the Coronavirus / Covid-19 pandemic.

From tomorrow we will suspend trading until at such time as the government issues new guidelines that we feel will protect all concerned. The current guidelines are to be reviewed in 3 weeks (from 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2020).

We fully accept that this will not be the best news for our customers and would like to sincerely apologise for any inconvenience this may cause but in the short term we believe in doing our bit to help protect not only our own staff and families but the wider community in general. We consider a nationwide disruption, however difficult to bear in the coming weeks and months, will allow us all to regroup and prepare for businesses to start up again with renewed energy when the time is right.

The NHS is going to face considerable critical pressure over the coming weeks and months, and we all need to play our part in easing the load wherever possible, protecting our loved ones and one another as much as we possibly can.

We thank you for your support leading up to this point and we look forward to reopening as soon as we can, when we will continue to support the KBB industry as we always have.

Please stay safe, follow the official advice and guidelines, and remember that under such unprecedented circumstances we have made this decision for the greater good.

Regards

The entire HPP Team