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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you have settled into a routine in the first full week back at school. For those of you working from home it can be a challenge and we are all adjusting to a new way of living in a time where it is essential to socially distance. Last night I was outside with my family clapping for the NHS and all those key workers who are keeping us going at this difficult time. If you would like to share an image of your child/ family clapping, then I would love to see them.

We have all had to adapt to new ways of working, so I wanted to take the chance to say what an amazing job you are doing supporting your child's wellbeing and learning during this time.

It has definitely been a strange and challenging time, so it is understandable if you and your child feel anxious and frustrated at the moment. We are here for you every step of the way as we figure this all out together.

Remember, if you have any concerns about helping your child learn or you need any other support from the school, please let us know by contacting the school office or talking it through with your progress leader when they call.

We have been updating the website this week and re-organised it, so that the work is now set by year group. Mrs Hayter has also set some art challenges which I'm sure many of pupils may enjoy. The life skills videos are being uploaded and these will be accompanied by step by step instructions. There is a new pupil gallery of images of our pupils doing some fabulous things at home. We would love to see more of these so please share by emailing to office@grangepark.kent.sch.uk. The staff love seeing the images of the pupils and I know some pupils like seeing pictures of their friends.

We miss having the pupils in school, but we must continue to follow the government's guidance to keep everyone in our community safe. So, we are carrying on with providing childcare to key workers. Today we have one pupil in school.

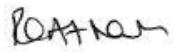


Earlier in the week I updated you with information about the laptop scheme, whilst we await clarification, the guidance states that the Local Authority will apply for the equipment and it seems that those children who have a social worker may be entitled. Next week, Tom our IT technician, will be configuring some surface pros so we can provide IT at home for those where there is a desperate need.

Our teachers will be setting plenty of tasks for pupils to get stuck into over the summer term. Do remind your child to take breaks away from screens as well, and also make time for having fun and connecting with friends and family.

While we cannot say yet when we will be able to open the school fully, rest assured that we will continue doing our utmost to keep pupils and the school connected.

Warm regards, keep safe.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Renukah Atwell', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Renukah Atwell
Headteacher