



15 May 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to all the parents who have been able to return the questionnaire to school. Over the weekend we will work on a plan to provide you with what you need, as you have requested. A significant number of parents have posed questions about space and social distancing, in a school built for 48 and a population of 98 it will be impossible to have all the pupils back in school together and maintain social distancing to keep the pupils and staff safe. Therefore, I hope you understand that I will not be able to open to all pupils from the 1st June.

We have been encouraged by the news from our college partners. Mid Kent are exploring a number of options and Mr Cooper is working closely with them to meet the needs of students who attend Mid Kent's provision, they are very focused on meeting the needs of SEN pupils. Hadlow have indicated that they will open first to students who are studying Level 3 courses, which is in line with government advice and guidance.

Following conversations with our Year 6 pupils' parents, it is now unlikely that the primary site will open on the 1st June. It is lovely to hear that some pupils are benefitting from the zoom sessions and seeing members of their class and staff.

We have trialled some virtual lessons and on Monday we are going to explore if we can extend the offer to more pupils.

It seems that there are shared anxieties among parents regarding transport and whilst I have no specifics, I am able to share I know it is impossible for the authority to apply social distancing measures in vehicles.

As we work towards the 1st June I am also aware that we may see a change in the R Value since the change in advice and therefore we may face a situation where we have to manage a change of circumstances or set of Government advice.

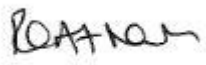
Many of you have commented that you do not feel it's the right time to be sending your child back to school, however, they are keen to return. I understand that our pupils crave the routine of school, but school will be a very different place and it will not have the usual



routine. At present and for obvious reasons all offsite learning, activities and work experience are unavailable. This will have the greatest impact on our Key Stage 5 pupils who are educated at Wrotham.

If you have not yet had the opportunity to return the questionnaire and would like to do so it's not too late. Building the "master plan" starts tomorrow. I hope you have a lovely, sunny weekend.

Keep safe.

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

Renukah Atwell
Headteacher