

22nd May 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Term 6 - COVID-19 Update

Thank you to all the parents who replied to our questionnaire last week, the leadership team has looked at your feedback and formulated a plan from the 1st June. You seem united with concerns about social distancing and transport. I also understand the growing pressure for some of our parents to return to work. However, the majority of parents intend in keeping their children at home. Thank you for the positive feedback about contact. Please do not hesitate in contacting us if you require assistance or if we can be of any help.

I wanted to get in touch with you all to explain our approach to learning and the next phase of our education plan. Teachers will continue to set work via the school website, in addition following a trial with some year 10 pupils, we are launching increased virtual teaching from the 1st June.

Our amazing staff have been working hard to make sure we can continue to provide education for your children while in school. Our current learning approach is:

For Stansted pupils there will be two virtual lessons with their teachers each week. One numeracy and one literacy lesson. Mrs Rodreigo will teach her year 4 & 5 pupils and Miss Woodhead will teach her year 6 Class. The Stansted site will also open one day a week to the two year 6 pupils where parents have requested a return.

For Wrotham pupils in Years 7 to 10 there will be an online lesson with their science, maths and English teacher. In addition, we will maintain the class zoom sessions that so many of our pupils have enjoyed. These sessions vary in class with pupils grouped by peer/friendship groups.

Year 11 pupils' online zoom sessions will double and Mrs Dixon will also be calling you the parents and pupils each week. We are keen to develop the social contact for our year 11 pupils who have finished their learning.

These virtual sessions will all start at 10:00am and last approximately 40 minutes, the log in details for these sessions will be sent to you next week once we have checked that all the links work.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 4		Literacy		Numeracy	
Year 5		Literacy		Numeracy	
Year 6		Literacy		Numeracy	
Year 7	Class Zoom	English	Science		Math's
Year 8	Math's		Class Zoom	Science	English
Year 9		Science	English	Math's	Class Zoom
Year 10	Science	Math's		English	Class Zoom
Year 11		Class Zoom		Class Zoom	

For our Key Stage 5 pupils, virtual sessions will all start at 10:00am and last approximately 40 minutes. The zoom calls on a Tuesday will continue to be at the same times as currently organised. Login in details will be sent to parents by Miss Dobney.

Day	Activity
Monday	Home Learning work packs
Tuesday	Zoom Calls with Staff. Same times and grouping as currently set up.
Wednesday	Life Skills – Living Independently, Health and Wellbeing and Roadwise
Thursday	Next steps and employability activities
Friday	Home Learning work packs

From the 8th June we will be launching a daily online activity for any of our pupils to join, this includes those who attend college. These will be at 11:30am daily and teachers will share the activity and resources required a week in advance via parent mail.

Day	Time	Staff member	Activity
Monday	11:30	Mrs Hayter	Art/Craft
Tuesday	11:30	Mrs Hughes	PE
Wednesday	11:30	Mrs Brooks	Design Technology
Thursday	11:30	Mrs Macintyre	Stretch & Yoga
Friday	11:30	Mrs Hayter	Cooking

If your child is taking part in these virtual sessions please make *sure that they are appropriately dressed, have adequate space and are supervised*. We cannot remotely be responsible for the safety of pupils who participate. I want the experience to be fun,

safe and engaging for all. If you have any specific questions, please do not hesitate in contacting the school office or discussing them with a member of staff when they call.

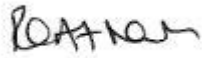
It is likely that we will see an update from the government on the 28th May. I will of course keep you updated and in the meantime hope that pupils will enjoy the additional online learning sessions.

Wednesday was national 'Thank a Teacher Day' and I am delighted to have received a number of messages from pupils and parents. We are all very grateful for all your support. I am sure you will join me in thanking our very dedicated staff who have risen to the challenges created by the COVID 19 crisis, not just teachers but all the staff who contribute to making Grange Park an incredible school. They have dealt with extraordinary circumstances with professionalism, resilience and remarkable dedication. I want to take the opportunity to share that our staff miss the pupils and look forward to a time when it is safe to return to school. I find school a very sad and soulless place without the pupils.

This week we were notified that work may start on the roof in the next few weeks. In usual circumstances this would not be possible due to the impact on the pupils and their sensory needs but we have taken the opportunity whilst school has so few pupils and staff on site to push forward with the excavation required on the back sloping roof.

I have received pictures of a number of our pupils planting their sunflower seeds. I look forward to any updates that pupils might like to share. We would love to see pictures of the pupils and please feel free to share via email office@grangepark.kent.sch.uk.

Thank you for your continued support and please take care and keep safe.



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