



16th June 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you are all keeping well and safe. At school this week we have not had more than 5 pupils attend. For the first time we are forecasting that one year group may get to 6 pupils which is the maximum bubble size for any group of pupils. Given the current government advice it is unlikely that we will be able to accommodate all our pupils on site before the summer holidays.

The School Gateway App is working well and parents are successfully using the app to book Key Worker Childcare and the school sessions available to pupils. If you require any assistance with the school Gateway App, please contact the school office at Wrotham and the admin staff will be happy to assist.

I have not wanted any pupil to be disadvantaged and that is why we made the decision to offer a day a week in school to all pupils. From next week (22nd June), I have increased the face to face contact days to two for pupils in Years 6 and 10. I want to take the opportunity to clarify that it is not safe for pupils or staff to extend the offer and open the school to more pupils or for more days. I understand that our young people thrive on structure and many are resistant to change but I am unable to accommodate the needs of all our pupils by allowing them all to return at once. As Headteacher, I have been given the freedom to plan as I see appropriate, and my aim is that the school will have contact with all pupils at least once a week.

I have been overwhelmed by your positivity and support. In such a difficult time your kind words have kept us going in what has been the most challenging in our lives. We miss seeing the pupils every day, interacting with them, talking to them and seeing them progress academically and socially. I am devastated that we have had to cancel the talent show and annual barbecue.

We are planning some leaving gifts for our Year 6 and Year 11 leavers. We will also mark the end of Year 14's journey with us. I will invite the Year 11 pupils back to school for their leavers assembly when it is safe to do so. More specific details will be shared with parents in the next couple of weeks.

Last week, I wrote to the parents whose children had booked on the PGL residential. On Wednesday I will meet with the Chair of Governors and Committee Chairs and will discuss our next steps. I want to reassure you that NO family will be financially disadvantaged. School leaders across the county and country are requesting more guidance from the Government for the plan for September. I understand that the current circumstances make



everything so unpredictable but I will keep you informed of the plan for September as soon as possible.

This week Year 9 pupils will be asked to make their formal option choices and we will start to plan the timetable.

Our staff remain consistent from September with the exception of Mrs D'Amral who will be leaving us next year as she is expecting a baby in November and Ms Nuttall who is relocating back to the North and her family roots. I am grateful to Ms Nuttall who has helped us set up and launch our primary provision. Today we have welcomed some new support staff who have commenced their induction and training and they will be fully embedded ready for September.

Have any of the pupils' sunflower seeds started to grow? I would love to see some pictures. Last week I was able to give out three Headteacher awards for excellent effort and work. Please share any photos with us at school, it's not just academic work we would love to see, but children trying new things, completing challenges or doing something that you think should be celebrated.

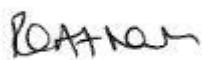
Mr Cooper has been in contact with the Year 11 parents who have children who are transitioning to College. We understand that pupils are becoming increasingly anxious about their transition to College. We are in regular contact with the College and are working with them to formalise a plan that will prepare our pupils for this very important transition.

With the reduction of face to face contact it would be helpful if your child could attend their English, Maths and Science zoom lessons. This contact will be useful and help the pupils transition back to their learning when the time comes. If you require any support or visual resources please do not hesitate in talking to the member of staff who calls you.

I can confirm that the school will close to pupils at Wrotham and Stansted on Friday 17th July. At present is unlikely that the school will be open through the summer holidays as significant structural work on the roof will be underway. I will be dropping into some zoom lessons in the next few weeks and I hope to see some more of our pupils. Thank you to those of you are supporting your children in these sessions.

I look forward to seeing you all very soon.

Take care and keep safe.



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