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Dear Parent/Carer

Following the government advice last Thursday, we all remain under lock down restrictions for the next three weeks. I understand how difficult this is for all of us but particularly for our pupils. We had hoped to launch frequent virtual sessions but at present we are struggling to find a suitable platform as we have been advised not to use Zoom. Our school email system links to Skype Business and as all the pupils have a school email account this may be possible in the future. Our IT support are working on this for us and I will update you as soon as I have more information. In the meantime, progress leaders will keep in regular contact. If you need anything from us, please contact the school office or feel free to email at office@grangepark.kent.sch.uk.

This week, one pupil attended school. This 0.75% of our school population. Next week we anticipate 1 pupil on Monday, 3 on Tuesday, 2 on Wednesday and Thursday and 1 on Friday. It is important that we follow government advice and remain at home. I would like to take the opportunity to thank all of you who are Key Workers and are contributing to our communities.

All of the staff are busy working, the focus of teachers is preparing evidence and providing the information required for the summer examinations. We still await confirmation from exam boards about some of the vocational qualifications but please do not worry, we are busy working to ensure that no pupil is disadvantaged.

Staff are also creating a bank of videos for pupils to view on how to complete life skill tasks. Mrs Hayter is also preparing some video guides for the recipes we use in cookery lessons. Mrs Hughes and Mrs Eyre are working on some videos for pupils for PE, these include stretching and circuits. I am updating the website daily and all letters and Government advice is available on the school website.

We are working on our own plan to reintegrate pupils slowly and safely when safe to do so. This could mean staggered starts and phased return. I want to reassure you that we will work with you to meet the needs of the individual pupil when the time arrives. Mr Cooper will also provide an update on College and Key Stage 5 transition next week. We will also update the parents of Year 6 pupils about transition and the school will be in contact with Year 5 parents to arrange Annual Reviews on the phone as it is essential that we complete these as this is where you name your request for a secondary place.

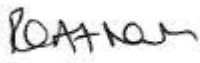


I would love to see what the pupils have been up to at home so feel free to send me a picture.

I can confirm that we only have one family to date who seem to have been affected by a possible infection and I am pleased to share that all pupils remain safe and well. The staff are all keeping safe and well following periods of self-isolation. Together, by following Government advice and guidance we can keep safe and beat this.

I look forward to the day we all come together and are back in school or College.

Take care, and best wishes

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

Renukah Atwell
Headteacher