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Dear parents

I hope that this letter finds you all well. I wanted to take this opportunity to update you with some news from school.

In the last few months we have been asked to respond to circumstances we could scarcely have imagined as we entered 2020. As you know, detailed risk assessments have been put in place, following the strict Government guidelines, to redesign and reorganise our classrooms and other learning spaces in school to ensure they are safe for children and staff returning.

Since 1st June, when we started increasing capacity for key worker and vulnerable pupils and invited children from Year R, Year 1 and Year 6 back, we have seen a steady increase in children returning. I must congratulate the children, who have adapted so well to their new routines. It has been wonderful to see them all again.

Although some schools may be in a position to bring back additional year groups to those outlined by government, we are regrettably not in a position to do so at this time. This is mainly due to the fact that several members of staff are still required to work from home and this has significantly impacted on our staffing levels. I wish to thank all of the staff for all they are doing, from home or school, and for their flexibility in adapting to new and changing roles.

As you may have seen in the Education Secretary's daily briefing on Friday, the government has stated that 'all year groups will return to school full time in September'. I am expecting to receive guidance from government in the next few weeks and will let you know what a September return will look like as soon as possible.

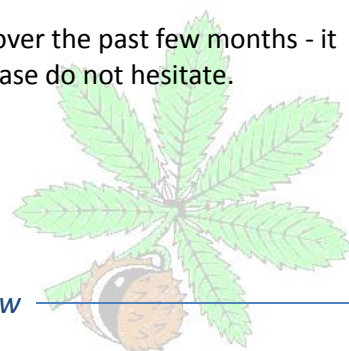
I hope that you have now received Tapestry log ins for Venus and Mars class pupils and Seesaw log ins for Neptune and Jupiter pupils. I hope that these have proven useful in providing a safe and more direct link between pupils and teachers. For those that prefer a more traditional approach to learning, all of the work will continue to be posted on our website: <https://www.brabourne.kent.sch.uk/children/links-to-learning/>

I appreciate how difficult this year has been for many families and I wish to thank you for all you are doing and continue to do for your children at home. We are here if you need any advice on materials to consolidate learning between now and September.

Kent are currently consulting on various options for the Kent Test. The latest updates can be found here: <https://kccmediahub.net/proposal-to-delay-kent-test-2020-until-october745>. I will continue to keep you updated on any changes and if you need any advice, please let me know.

I would like to thank you for your continued support and uplifting messages over the past few months - it really has been greatly appreciated. If there is anything we can help with, please do not hesitate.

With best wishes
Andrew Stapley
Headteacher



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