

Dear All,

I hope you are all coping well with your various circumstances. I want to update you on a few things.

Opening the school:

On Monday we had 4 pupils and yesterday 2 for about 5 minutes and then the childminder kindly looked after them so by 9.15am, none! Today it's likely to be just 2. KCC/KAH are actively looking at different models for after Easter including the settling up of hub schools. I'm not sure where we will stand on staffing though.... Year R children going to an unfamiliar setting potentially not knowing anyone? We may be asked to send a representative but on the other hand that does nothing for reducing the spread of the virus so watch this space. Sarah at Yalding and I have been discussing a similar arrangement but obviously just across the 3 schools (CS, Y and H).

Work for pupils:

I think it's important that we don't send too many links etc to parents. Everyone has much to think about at the moment and I so we need to be concise.

When giving guidance for the project, please try to include as many curr areas as possible. Children can always take pictures of anything they have created. The pupils could then bring all that creativity into school when they return and it can be shared either amongst classes or perhaps with parents along the lines of the Christmas eco-model event. Just an idea....

Carrying on as usual:

Obviously alongside caring for family and looking after yourselves, the school terms officially carries on ticking away and so I thought I would bring to your attention to the following:

Fri 27th March is the deadline for data on TT. This is important as potentially it could be the pupil's benchmark for next year. A scary thought! Becca/Louise – I wondered if you'll be asked for a Teacher Assessment for Year 6 so secondary schools have a benchmark?

Annual reports – This is an interesting one. Will they be required? My guess is probably because it's a task which all teachers can do at home. The deadline for the foundation subject commentary is 28th April. Clearly these need to reflect that curr learning stopped last week. There's no reason why you can't start writing the whole report though as there will be probably little time back at school between now and the deadline, the first week of June. David will be issuing the link very soon. Just 1 thing to draw your attention to, the first day of term 6 is currently a day for report writing. Clearly if that was decided to be the time where schools return, then I can imagine we would want to meet to discuss how to respond to the situation we are faced with so bear in mind that's just a possibility.

We now have a great opportunity to complete curriculum plans once and for all!! Please can I ask that all available contracted time is focused on trying to complete this formidable task. On our return or hopefully earlier so they can be shared with Subject Leaders, we will have some terrific curriculum plans which reflect our 5 priorities and are set up ready to go in September. That would be a huge achievement.

I think that's it for now but please do e-mail back with any queries.

