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Dear Families,

I hope this letter finds you keeping optimistic and looking ahead to brighter times when we will be back together. This is a time for pulling together through our generous spirit and the shared purpose of our school Christian values and vision.

## Kindness, Trust, Friendship, Respect, Courage, Forgiveness

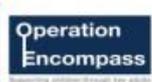
I understand that everyone has their own pressures and views regarding how we can navigate our safety and well - being. One size does NOT fit all. Even in our small school community there is a vast range of different needs. Understanding these and respecting each other starts at home. We respect everyone's different opinions and ways of dealing with this challenge.

We will strive to implement the government guidelines and aim to support you and your families as much as we can. The decisions you take are received with no judgement from us.

Below is send a link to the most recent guidelines that the government has issued for schools.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/reopening-schools-and-other-educational-settings-from-1-june>

I am sure you will understand that these may take time to implement fully, and some of the guidelines will not be possible due to our school lay out and our individual circumstances. We will do our best, so please bear with us and be patient. It is imperative to stress that in spite all our very best efforts, I cannot guarantee that our school community and individuals will be protected from contracting the Coronavirus.



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Families must make their own risk assessments and decisions about how to move forward. I am committed to providing you with clarity, honesty and the facts as I receive them. Parents will **not be fined** for non-attendance at this time.

## Phoning home

Next week parents of children in EYFS – Ladybirds, Yr 1 – Fireflies, and Yr 6- Butterflies, will receive a phone call from their class teacher. We would like you to update us on your child's well-being, share any new worries and let us know if you intend to send them into school in term 6.

It is important that we know approximately how many children to expect so that we can set up the classrooms and provision. Please help us with this. If you miss the phone call please email Mrs Porteous ([porteousk@deal-parochial.kent.sch.uk](mailto:porteousk@deal-parochial.kent.sch.uk)) to let us know your intention. We aim to speak to every family over the week.

## How you can help

In preparation for coming back to school please reinforce the following rules with your children:-

1. **Social distancing = keeping 2 metres apart**
2. **Hand washing = regularly wash before coming into school, during school and ongoing home**
3. **The germ control, sneeze catching = CATCH IT, BIN IT, KILL IT**
4. **No sharing = bring in your own pencil case, restricted use of school resources**
5. **New arrangements for the school day. New timetables for starting, break times, lunch and home time.**

Adults at school will also rehearse and prompt children to enable them to understand and comply with the expectations as best we can in a positive manner.

## Please ensure before entering school:-

Check yourselves and children for any signs of a temperature daily. Should you show symptoms of a cold, or feel unusually tired then please do not attend school until this has cleared up. If you suffer from hay fever (which is prevalent at this time of year) and this is normal and not out of your ordinary sphere of health, then there is no concern or risk.



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We will strive to ensure that the children maintain the social distancing that is required. Adults can prompt and we will set up visual reminders/posters; but I feel we have to be honest and accept this will not always be possible.

## We can only minimise, not eliminate risk.

In order to minimise the spread of the virus across the school, equipment and resources cannot be shared. We are not clear yet how long this virus can live on surfaces. Consequently, children will be unable to share objects as we would usually do in a classrooms. This extends to the PE equipment, use of the library, climbing frames etc.

We would appreciate it if you could support the school in the following ways:

- Each child to bring in their own pencil case with pens, pencils and colouring items. These can stay in school. Please label clearly with your child's name. Equipment should not be shared amongst their peers.
- Reading books will be allocated on a weekly basis. Again we cannot share such resources.
- Classroom resources will need to be reduced (soft furnishings and other objects not easily cleaned)

### School day arrangements.

Please drop off your child at the relevant gate. No parents are to come through into the classrooms. We ask for only ONE adult per family.

Please make every effort to walk or cycle to school, avoid the use of the car.

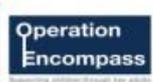
The school office will **not be open** so please write down any messages and pass to the member of staff on the school gate or email any messages through to the school office. [Secretary@deal-parochial.kent.sch.uk](mailto:Secretary@deal-parochial.kent.sch.uk).

**Arrival time and pick up times** (these are now staggered):

**Yr R**                      **Lady birds class**

**Arrival**                      **08:30am. KS1 Entrance. Using the KS 1 gate.**

**Collection**                      **EYFS playzone at 15:00hrs – exit through KS1 gate**



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## Yr 1. Fireflies class

**Arrival** 08:45am. KS1 Entrance.

**Collection** 1500 Enter through the KS2 gate collect outside the Yr 1 class. Exit via KS2 gate

## Yr 6. Butterflies class

**Arrival** 09:00am. KS2 Entrance.

**Collection** 15:25hrs KS2 gate – Stand outside Year 6 class. Exit via KS2 gate. Unless you have a child in EYFS or Yr 1. The Yr 6 pupils will be dismissed at the earlier time from the Yr 6 cloakroom doors.

We will assess the need for a breakfast club as we move through this. It would be helpful to know if you require this provision as soon as possible. Please let us know by email.

There will be no afterschool clubs until further notice.

Break and lunch times will also be staggered to ensure reduced numbers. The lunch time play may be reduced and then additional time can be made up at alternative times during the day so that adequate supervision and space minimises any risks.

We will aim for one child in the toilet area at any one time. We will have to have strict rules that guide our pupils in this. We may set up a toilet pass system in order to keep track and make it fun.

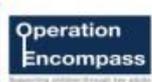
Pupils should wear their school uniform as usual.

School dinners will be staggered. Hot dinners will be provided or alternatively children can bring in a healthy packed lunch.

**All pupils** must bring a drink of water to access throughout the day, the water fountains have been shut down.

Please send in sun screen with your child's name clearly labelled on the bottle. We hope that the children can get outside and use our lovely grounds as much as possible.

We do not expect to be delivering the usual curriculum.



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Teachers will be teaching in every classroom in order to keep the class sizes down to a maximum number of 15 pupils.

This means that we will separate the children of each year group into two groups.

- Ladybirds will use the EYFS and Expressive Arts Centre as their classroom spaces. Taught by Mrs Friend and Mrs Watson
- Fireflies – Yr 1 will use the Yr 1 and 2 classrooms. Ms Cluff and Mrs Porteous will lead.
- Yr 6 – Butterflies will use the Yr 5 and Yr 6 classrooms. Ms Warner and Mrs Bowles will lead.
- Other pupils – key workers / vulnerable children – Yr 4 class. Miss Rolph will lead this group.

## Road Safety – Reduced crossing patrol provision.

Mick Lewin, our crossing patrol person will be available to assist. He will need to wear protective clothing. As you may realise he needs to shield. He is well and sends his regards to everyone and is looking forward to getting back to work. Families are asked to stand 2 metres apart at the crossing. We will mark the path on both sides of the road to highlight the social distancing.

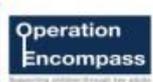
Road safety awareness remains so important and a crucial part of keeping our children safe. Thank you.

## Learning packs for term 6

If your child remains at home beyond 1 June, we'll continue to support you and them with home learning, and meal support for those eligible. New Home Learning Activities will continue to be set on our website at the start of each week. Please do continue to stay in touch with us about how your child is getting on.

I hope that you have felt supported by our staff over the last 8 weeks. I am enormously grateful to all the DP team; for all your encouragement and patience and immensely appreciate the superb kindness everyone is showing. Thank you.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or helpful suggestions.



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## A moment to reflect

Let us look outward towards all our fellow humans with whom we share this struggle.

Across the world all humans are so different but we all share so much in common.

Let us grow to be united in Love, Hope and Faith.

Amen

Keep safe and stay alert.

Kind regards and God's blessings

Justine Brown

