



The Craylands School Newsletter

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Term 5 Week 5

Friday 15th May

Dear Parents/Carers,
We only have 1 week left of term 5—it has probably been the strangest term 5 I have ever experienced.

School closure update

Last week, I hoped for more clarity and answers as to how we can safely re-open school to more children; sadly, I am left with more questions than before and the answers are not being provided as quickly as I would hope for.

This week, we have been provided some mixed messages in relation to how schools should plan to re-open; next week, the Local authority plan to issue official guidance. This leaves us as a school very little time to prepare for any child returning on 1st June.

However, despite not having official guidance, we have begun to make plans and I believe that come the 1st June, we have enough space to accommodate those children in EYFS, year 1 and year 6 whose parents decide that their child will be returning. We will also continue to provide provision for key worker and vulnerable children also; please note I would request that any additional key worker families contact me by Wednesday of next week if they intend to send their children into school and they are not in EYFS, year 1 or 6 to support with planning. This is not a declaration of certainty however that we will open for all of these on 1st June or at all.

It is however important that I share some early indications as to what school will be like:

- Classes will be split into 2 groups of 15; these groups will be kept separate at all times.
- One group will be led by a teacher and the other by a member of our support team; we are unclear as to whether we will be able to swap staff around on a weekly basis—the idea being that the same adults and children should remain in the same 'bubble'.
- Children will not necessarily be in their own classrooms and desks will not be laid out as they are normally; children will need to remain in seats as much as possible during the day. We will endeavour to get outside as much as possible—weather and space permitting
- Reduced use of school equipment
- Playtimes and lunchtimes will be staggered and held in different areas with limited equipment
- Drop off and collection times will be staggered
- A one way system will be in place in the school building and around the grounds

It will not be school as you, the children or I know it. In terms of the other year groups, we will await if there is any indication as to the preference in which year groups return first from the local authority but I can tell you now that we do not have enough space for all children to return full time and as that is how the local authority seem to want the school to run, some year groups may possibly not return this side of the summer. We do not have the space for double the amount of classes that we have now.

By the end of next week, I hope to be able to provide you with a proposed guide as to how the return will work so that you can make an informed decision as to whether your child will be returning or not. A reminder that there will be no repercussions if your child does not attend school and we will continue to provide some form of home learning for anyone who remain at home.

I keep being asked, can I keep staff and children safe from the virus? I don't know is the honest answer. I will follow the guidance from the DfE as much as possible, I will create an in depth risk assessment, we will wash hands, keep groups small and do everything we can but to make such a promise would be dishonest as I can make no 100% guarantees. This, I think, is the scariest thought of all!

Let's hope the weather improves this weekend—keep safe!

Mr Hiscock

CONTACT DETAILS

If you need to get in contact with us at all, please use the following contact details:

School office
01322 388230

Pupil premium support team:
kcox@craylands.kent.sch.uk

SENCO
ystone@craylands.kent.sch.uk

Headteacher
Headteacher@craylands.kent.sch.uk

School mobile—only in emergencies/safeguarding
07541591749

www.craylands.kent.sch.uk

If a child may be at risk of immediate harm, you should call the integrated front door on:

03000 411111 (office hours)

03000 419191 (out of hours)

Or call the police 999

NSPCC Helpline 0800 800 5000

Child line 0800 11 11

Find up to date safeguarding information at <http://www.craylands.kent.sch.uk/safeguarding-2/>

Well being and mental health

The reality of this lockdown is challenging and can create anxiety for many. The constant news and information about COVID19 can feel overwhelming. To help support local residents stay well, a multi-agency group has developed a localised hub of information with simple tips and advice. It also provides details of local and national services that could be helpful.

<http://www.kent.gov.uk/wellbeing>

The Kent Together service is a single, convenient point of contact for anyone in Kent who is in urgent need of help during the coronavirus outbreak at www.kent.gov.uk/kenttogether and on 03000 41 92 92

Mental health crisis support via text

A new text service has been launched across Kent and Medway for people of all ages needing mental health support.

As part of the Release the Pressure campaign, the texts are free on all major mobile networks and the service is provided by SHOUT and the Crisis Text Line.

By texting the word "Kent" or "Medway" to 85258, you will start a conversation with one of the many trained and experienced volunteers who can give support at any time, wherever you are. It's a place to go if you're struggling to cope and you need immediate help.

You can find out more about the Release the Pressure helpline, the new text service and other community mental health support services by visiting www.releasethepressure.uk

For more information about how to look after your mental health during the coronavirus pandemic visit

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/social-care-and-health/health/coronavirus/looking-after-your-mental-health>

Contact us

We are still working and will be contactable in the following ways...

School office (open as long as the school is open)

Mr Hiscock has the school mobile on him at all times—07541 591748

Pupil premium support team (for any queries related to safeguarding, wellbeing etc)

kcox@craylands.kent.sch.uk

SENCO (for any queries related to special educational needs)

ystone@craylands.kent.sch.uk

Headteacher (if you need to make contact with a staff member, ask for advice with work, ask for more information)

Headteacher@craylands.kent.sch.uk

School mobile—only in emergencies if the school is closed.

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Twitter—follow us for updates

@craylands

www.craylands.kent.sch.uk—will be updated regularly

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Times Tables Rockstars



Last week's results....	This week's battles.....
<p>Horowitz vs Stickman 31561 vs 61024 Stickman wins!</p> <p>Dahl vs Morpurgo 11832 vs 17466 Morprugo wins!</p> <p>Elmer vs Walliams 1906 vs 16489 Walliams wins!</p> <p>Funnybones vs Wilson 5084 vs 15135 Wilson wins!</p> <p>Gruffalo vs Dahl 4448 vs 11832 Dahl wins!</p>	<p>Horowitz vs Gruffalo</p> <p>Dahl vs Funnybones</p> <p>Elmer vs Stickman</p> <p>Wilson vs Walliams</p> <p>Morpurgo vs Horowitz</p>

TOP 3 PLAYERS IN EACH CLASS

<p><u>Elmer</u> Finley Alexander R Savana Kody</p>	<p><u>Funnybones</u> Owen Tamaya Jude</p>	<p><u>Stickman</u> Macen Sami Emilie</p>	<p><u>Gruffalo</u> Eva P Harrison Amber</p>	<p><u>Dahl</u> Ben Farren Jonny</p>
<p><u>Wilson</u> Habib Tristan Jack</p>	<p><u>Walliams</u> Ethan Luca Max FK</p>	<p><u>Horowitz</u> Kai Ben Isabel M</p>	<p><u>Morpurgo</u> Carys Cara Jacob</p>	

DARTFORD SCHOOLS TOP OF THE ROCKS COMPETITION
WE ARE IN 1ST PLACE WITH A SCHOOL SCORE OF 218, 048 COMPARED WITH A 2ND PLACE OF 158, 039.
THIS IS AMAZING!! WELL DONE AND KEEP IT UP!