



Garlinge Primary School and Nursery

26 June 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you are all well and enjoying the nice weather we are having at the moment. I am writing as I want to update you as to the processes around the registration to sit the Kent Test in the 2020/21 academic year. As you know, you are able to apply for your child to sit the test any time from June 1st until midnight on 1st July. I hope that this registration is going/has gone well for you. In order to support you in this process, you will have received a phone call from your child's Year 5 teacher this week. A number of calls were not answered, but if you do need any guidance, please either call the school on 01843 221877, or email your child's class teacher email address (eg 5A@garlinge.kent.sch.uk) and we will be able to help.

We have continued to monitor the situation with regard to the Kent Test and the latest update is shown in the statement below, which you can find on the KCC Kent Test website:

A proposal has been submitted to Kent County Council's Cabinet Member for Education and Skills to delay this year's Kent Test by approximately a month.

We appreciate that the closure of schools to the majority of pupils during the Covid-19 pandemic has caused a great deal of uncertainty and anxiety for families about their children's education, and for those whose children will participate in the Kent Test, the current unknowns about a return to school in September are adding to the pressures.

Obviously this is not a final decision, but it does look like a preferred option at this point. There is also a proposal to increase the number of schools named on the Secondary Common Application Form (SCAF) from four to six for one year only.

If you have registered your child and have no further questions at the moment, there is currently nothing else that you need to do. If you need any further support, please make contact with the school as I have suggested above and we will be happy to assist. If you have registered your child now but when the time comes for the test to be completed you have changed your mind, this will be fine as long as we have the request in writing.

If your child is registered, it will also be sensible to assist them in their preparations by letting them practise the types of questions and tests they will sit. There are many books available at either bookshops or online – we have found that nearly all of these would help preparations, but the 'Ten Minute Test' books are particularly manageable to help work to be done in smaller chunks.

I hope that this has been useful, please contact the school office if there are any further questions.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J. Williams".

Mr James Williams
Headteacher