

# Capel Primary School



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Dear Parents and Carers of Year 5 pupils

I hope you are all doing well in these uncertain times and managing to do some of the home learning that Miss Buxton is providing on the web pages. I do understand what a challenge this can be and what a crucial time this is for our Year 5 pupils. Hopefully you all saw the note that went out via jotter regarding the Kent Test registration, letting you know it is open from 1<sup>st</sup> June to 1<sup>st</sup> July. I wanted to let you know about a few things that we are doing to support our Year 5 families over the coming weeks and months.

Firstly, we have invested in an online CAT (Cognitive ability Test) for our Year 5 pupils to do on a device. It is a test of three parts that will help to provide both you and us with information that will help us support them as we move forward. Each section has a further three sections to complete. There is a non-verbal reasoning section, a language section and a maths section. Each child will be sent their own log-in to enable them to access their part. The test does not cover the Year 5 content of the National Curriculum; it is more of an IQ style test. They will need to visit [www.testingforschools.com/code](http://www.testingforschools.com/code) and they will then see a screen that asks them to put in their access code. These will be sent via Dojo by Miss Buxton. Once a pupil logs on, they will see three tests that must be done in consecutive order. Each test has a time limit. The instructions are read out loud to pupils and there are practise questions at the beginning of each section. There are some similarities to the Kent Test in the style of questions, but it is not a practise for the test. They can choose to do all three in one sitting, or over a couple of days. I recommend that if they choose to do it in one sitting, to take short breaks in between each test. Please can all year 5 pupils log on and complete the test before 29<sup>th</sup> June. If you have any trouble with this, please let us know and we will be able to help.

Secondly I would like to reassure you that if you have any questions regarding the Kent Test, you are very welcome to call us and talk it through. We understand that it can be a difficult decision, especially during this unusual time. At the time of writing this, there is still no definitive plan from Kent regarding the timing or date of the test. There is a website [www.exambuddy.co.uk](http://www.exambuddy.co.uk) which is a free site to sign up to, that has some excellent practise support and is certainly worth a look.

Due to the children not being able to return to school this term, I am very keen to offer them some contact and support. To this end, I am proposing running a week long focus group, in school, in the summer break. From 3<sup>rd</sup> August to 7<sup>th</sup> August I will run a group from 9:30am to 2:00pm to support any pupils that wish to attend, it is not compulsory. There will not be a charge for this group. We will observe social distancing guidelines and hygiene guidelines throughout. Pupils will need to bring their own lunch and drink, but I will provide all the resources they need. If you would like your child to attend, please email me at [headteacher@capel-tonbridge.kent.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@capel-tonbridge.kent.sch.uk). If there is a

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very large number, it may be that we run the group over two weeks to enable smaller groups. I am hoping that this opportunity will help those who have missed out on schooling as they prepare for the Kent test.

And finally, whilst we cannot arrange it yet, I would like you to know that we are hoping to have a socially-distanced picnic on the school field for year 5's soon. As soon as government guidance allows, we will invite you to spend a few hours on our school field to catch up with other friends and families. We will obviously be observing all guidelines and there would not be access to the school building, but we want to provide an opportunity for some contact.

Please pass on all our best wishes to your children and please let them know that we miss them and are thinking of them.

Yours sincerely

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