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Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Kent Test 2020

I promised you that I would write to you as soon as I had any further information to share about the Kent Test and yesterday evening I was sent an email about Kent's plans.

Essentially, Kent are proposing to delay the Kent Test by approximately one month in order to allow the current Year 5 children to settle back into school before the test. **This proposal means that the Kent Test would take place Thursday 15th October.**

However, this does mean that the results from the Kent Test will not be known at the time of secondary school selection. In order to mitigate any disadvantage, the proposal will allow parents to select up to six secondary schools on their selection form rather than the current four. This will allow parents to potentially select two grammar schools without disadvantage.

I must stress that, at this time, this is only a proposal which has been submitted to Kent County Council's Cabinet Member for Education and Skills. Having read the proposal and links to the KCC website I also note that a final decision on this matter is not planned before 20th July, for which I share your frustration.

I would also highlight that this is also subject to change given the ongoing situation around the COVID-19 outbreak.

You can find the original press release from KCC below.

KCC Press Release: <https://kccmediahub.net/proposal-to-delay-kent-test-2020-until-october745>

As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'James Tibbles'.

James Tibbles,
Headteacher

