



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we begin yet another unusual term at school, we remain positive and look forward to better times with our students once again being able to enjoy the benefits of school life alongside their peers. In the meantime, our zoom sessions mean we can all keep in touch and students can continue to learn with our teachers, learning mentors and therapists.

### **School life**

We enjoyed a mixed curriculum in school last term of the core maths and English sessions, and a creative curriculum looking at a variety of aspects of countries around the world. We were able to incorporate geography, Personal and Social Development, music, cooking, art, Design Technology and Information Computer Technology into these activities. We even managed a barbeque in the playground on a dry day when looking at Australian culture!

This term, non-critical worker students will be learning remotely via zoom. Students will be offered two sessions each morning, one with a maths / English focus working on their individual targets, and a cross curricular activity for the other. In the afternoons there will be street dance, assembly and social interaction group sessions. On a weekly basis, we continue to review and monitor the risk to enable us to have more students in school. Realistically, however, we are led by government advice and the amount of the virus present in the environment. Our overarching aim is to return all students to school as soon as possible.

### **Staff news**

We sadly said goodbye to Miss Prince at the end of last term after 7 years. We are extremely grateful to Miss Prince for all her hard work and dedication to our students and school community. Miss Prince left Kite Ridge School to take up another role continuing to work with students with special education needs, and we wish her well.

Grace and Irene, our newest Learning Mentors, have settled in brilliantly and had the opportunity to get to know our students in school last term. They are busy assisting Miss Willard in planning lessons for this term to ensure our students continue to receive a high level of teaching and learning even whilst working remotely.

All our staff are working tirelessly to ensure the current lockdown runs as smoothly as possible for all our students and families, and I am proud to lead a team of such dedicated and caring members.

As always, please do contact us with any queries or concerns you may have. I hope you all continue to remain safe and well.

Best wishes,

*Steven Sneesby*

Headteacher