

Appendix B

Dear Clerk

Following the announcement of the government's roadmap out of lockdown, the borough council and Kent County Council Early Years Services are making tentative plans to deliver a face to face but COVID compliant summerY2 Crew activity programme for vulnerable children and young people aged 7 to 18 years of age in Tonbridge and Malling.

As you will agree, many in that age group have struggled over the last year and the offer of some fun filled, local activities with other children will be a welcome distraction, particularly for those families now in financial difficulties.

The range of activities provided depends entirely on external funds and grants raised from other organisations and I would like to ask if the parish council would be willing to make a financial contribution to the programme and/or be able to offer any contribution in-kind such as free hire of an indoor venue or sports facility (indoor or outdoor), equipment or staff.

We are mindful that things may still be far from 'normal' by the start of the school summer holidays and if COVID numbers start to increase again the programme may have to be restricted or sessions cancelled at some point, but this will be clearly emphasised to parents and staff and will be reflected in all risk assessments.

We did run a virtual/online programme last summer which had a mixed reception so we remain hopeful that the children and young people of Tonbridge and Malling will be able to mix and socialise in small groups this summer.

Please feel free to ask any questions should you require any further information.