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Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing to ask for your support in Hartlip School's continued usage of the mobile library service. I attach for your information a letter from Kent County Council. The situation for school is as follows:

- Currently a year group visits the mobile library in Dane Close once a fortnight
- This equates to fifteen children and two adults
- Hartlip School has requested **twice** that the mobile library parks on school's drive, a central point for the community.
- As the above to date has not happened, we walk to Dane Close for the session which is scheduled for **ten** minutes: **11.30am-11.40am**
- Whilst on the van, we are generally joined by a maximum of three villagers.

The proposals from Kent County Council are as follows:

1. The mobile library stop at The Rose and Crown will cease
2. The mobile library will continue to visit Dane Close fortnightly for thirty minutes as oppose to ten
3. The scheduled timings will be **1520-1550**.

Hartlip School has the following comments to make regarding the proposals:

- We welcome the extended time of thirty minutes. The current ten minute allocation takes some organisation!
- The proposed timings are **totally inappropriate**. They are outside of school hours, which means that the regular and committed attendance of 17 visitors every fortnight will no longer apply
- In addition, the journey of the mobile library van through the village at the timings proposed is neither practical but more importantly is a health and safety issue for all members of the community.

Hartlip School would like to propose:

1. The mobile library van visits Hartlip fortnightly **and parks on the school drive**
2. From this point the mobile library van will serve the community from a central point
3. The mobile library van timings are scheduled **within the school day**
4. The mobile library session lasts for a **minimum** of 30 minutes.

I would be most grateful if you could support Hartlip School in being able to retain the use of the mobile library and in addition, make it even more workable and user friendly to us as a school. Not only do the children absolutely love this experience, it is an essential part of the English curriculum in broadening their love and enjoyment of reading.

You can show your support either by responding on line as informed on the letter overleaf, or using the attached form. This can be returned to school and responses can be collectively submitted. Hartlip Parish Council (HPC) have been asked to support us to the effect mentioned.

Yours sincerely

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Dear mobile library service user,

I am writing to all our customers who currently use the Mobile Library Service provided by Kent County Council, as we want to hear your views on proposals to re-design and improve the service across the county.

The document accompanying this letter includes the following information:

- Why we are re-designing the mobile library service
- The criteria we are proposing to use when reviewing stopping locations
- The impact this will have on the current service

We are sending one information pack to each household potentially affected by our proposals. I hope you will be able to read the enclosed document and send us your feedback.

If you want to return more than one response then you can do this either by completing the questionnaire online via our website (www.kent.gov.uk/mobilelibraries) or collecting additional paper copies of the questionnaire from your mobile library.

If you do have any queries about the consultation please speak to your Mobile Library driver, email us at LRAconsulation@kent.gov.uk, or telephone us on 03000 413131 (Monday to Friday, 8am-6pm).

We will review all the responses we receive to our proposals, and they will be used to help inform the decision we make. The consultation closes at 5pm on Friday 4th March 2016.

If you would like to receive any of this information in an alternative format, please contact us on 03000 421553 (text relay service number: 18001 03000 421553) or email alternativeformats@kent.gov.uk. This number is monitored during office hours, and there is an answer machine at other times.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

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