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Dear Parents of Margaretting C of E Primary,

As you know, we said goodbye to Mrs Morum at Easter. Even though we did not have a lot of children in school, Mrs Morum was very pleased with her gifts and sad to say goodbye. We welcome back Mrs Gozel, Mrs O Connell and Mrs Kirk to school after their maternity leave, in these very strange circumstances.

Mrs Gozel will teach EYFS Monday and Tuesday and Mrs Shorey will teaching EYFS Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Mrs Kirk will be teaching Year 1 and Year 2 full time. Mrs O Connell will be supporting groups of children in different classes. That was the plan for the summer term, however it has not worked out like that, because of the corona virus. So if and when we return to school that will be the staffing in our school for the Summer term 2020.

We hope you are getting on well with your Home Learning. It would be good for the teachers to be able to mark the Home Learning on our return to school: please keep your work safe as teachers would like to reward the children for their hard work. Well done everyone. The next set of Home Learning will be sent on 4th May. Please be patient while we send out 80 emails with attachments, as our WIFI is slow.

Thank you to Ford who have produced PPE shields for the staff. The staff teaching key worker children from Margaretting and Roxwell Schools feel a lot safer now, as we try our very best to manage social isolation, however it is hard to hear someone read 2 meters apart.

Startline Helpline on 03303139162 has been set up to help parents with Home Learning. Please feel free to call this number for information.

The YMCA have a support website if you need help during these difficult times. Please look at their website for information.

[www.ymcaessex.org.uk/coronavirus-response/](http://www.ymcaessex.org.uk/coronavirus-response/)

The dates on the right hand side are the term dates for the next academic year. Please add them to your diary so you can plan your holidays, when the lock down is over.

If you want to contact me at any time I am at Roxwell School on 01245 248229. Margaretting school office is open most days on 01277 352114. There is an emergency mobile number that you can call, especially if there is a safeguarding issue which is 07871724903.

All parents will be called by your child's class teacher over the next few days to see if you and your family are well.

Please stay safe, Maire O'Regan and Melissa Bryan

### Term Dates

**More dates will be added when we know the return date for school opening.**

8th May Bank Holiday  
22nd May last day of Summer term 1  
1st June Non pupil Day RPS only  
2nd June First day of Summer term  
21st July last day of Summer term  
22 July Non Pupil Day  
2nd Sept Training Day for staff

3rd September First day of Aut 1  
23rd Oct last day of Aut 1  
2nd Nov first day of Aut 2  
18th Dec last day of Aut 2  
6th Jan first day of Spring 1  
12th Feb last day of Spring 1  
22nd Feb first day of Spring 2  
26th March last day of Spring 2  
12th April first day of Summer 1  
3rd May Bank Holiday School closed  
28th May last day of summer 1  
7th June first day of summer 2  
18th June Training Day school closed  
20th July last day of summer 2



1.5.20

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that this letter finds you and your families safe and well.

On behalf of all the governors at school I would like to thank and pay tribute to all the staff for all their hard work and dedication to our children at this very difficult time.

The Government have requested that schools remain open to provide care for a limited number of children - children who are vulnerable, and children whose parents are critical to the Covid-19 response and cannot be safely cared for at home.

As governors we are responsible for the wellbeing of staff and pupils alike. I am writing on behalf of the governing body to remind parents and carers of the Government guidance that if it is at all possible for children to be at home, then they must be kept at home. Children should only be sent to school as a last resort, if there is no other solution for them to be kept at home.

As you may be aware, we do unfortunately have a member of staff who is very ill with Covid-19 symptoms. This highlights how vulnerable all children and adults are in school and that anyone can spread or catch the virus. It is very difficult to keep children two metres apart at all times and to keep staff at a safe distance, especially when working with younger children, even with the support from our new PPE equipment. With many staff shielding, it is crucial for everyone to stay safe and well so our staff can continue to provide child care for the people where there is no safe alternative. Therefore, we urge you not to send your child to school if there is adult supervision at home however inconvenient or difficult it may be at times. Only by following the guidance and acting responsibly can we ensure that we keep safe, save lives and protect the NHS.

There are a number of news stories speculating about the reopening of schools. May I reassure you that we will only open when there is clear and safe guidance from Essex County Council and the Department for Education. When we do receive this guidance in the future, the school leaders and governors will communicate the plans with you.

In the meantime, please continue to stay safe.

Best Wishes,

Liz Fajimolu