



Courageous Optimism

Heartfelt Compassion

Boundless Creativity

Dear Parents of Margaretting C of E Primary and Roxwell C of E Primary,

Welcome to the second newsletter of the week. I am writing to you to keep in touch. We have now phoned every parent at least once to check that you are all ok at home. (if you do not answer, we leave a message for you to phone back, if there is an answer machine service.) We have spoken to a lot of the children and it was great to hear from them. It was wonderful for the staff to receive such positive feedback from everyone, it keeps them going during this difficult time!

These are testing times and as the weeks go on and we fully appreciate the challenges of home schooling, especially as many parents are also trying to work from home. Speaking to parents this week, I am very grateful for all you are doing with your children. It is important that you do your best but please don't feel that you have to panic teach your child.

Please remember that there is , 'no expectation that your child's education should continue as it would if they were attending school daily, so please do not worry about your ability to replace your child's normal education during this time,' as was stated by Clare Kershaw, the director of Education for Essex.

There is a concern that you may teach the incorrect methodology and we have to reteach it when we all return to school. Reading, spelling, tables, letters and cards to friends and family and keeping a diary of these strange but historical times are very good activities to help fluency and skills, as well as following the Home Learning pack. To be honest, keeping your child emotionally and physically fit during this time is the number one priority and we will provide them with the skills and security to re-engage with the new 'normal' life, whenever it may be.

However, we know you are doing your best and are very grateful. BBC Bitesize and Oak Academy released new learning resources on Monday of this week. Please feel free to use any resources that your children enjoy. Mr Fewell, our P.E. teacher at Roxwell has also posted activities to complete on [www.sportshall.org/homepentathlon](http://www.sportshall.org/homepentathlon) so please have a look at this website. At school we have been starting the day with PE with Joe Wicks, then completing our Home Learning packs for about 2 hours and then either gardening, doing some art work, walking and playing outside. Follow us on @roxwell19 for photos. Our staff are doing the best that they can, to set home learning for your children, teaching the Key Worker children, as well as completing other tasks to keep school running and we would like to thank them for that.

The Free School Meals Vouchers (for parents on low incomes) which were organised by the Government have arrived, so please check your emails or junk mail to use these vouchers.

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### 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  
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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 September First day of Aut 1



There is no date yet for the reopening of schools, according to Gavin Williamson, even though there is a lot of speculation in the media.

Please be aware of on line safety and use of parental controls, as your children may be using devices more often at this time.

The staff have been supporting many families who are struggling during this crisis and I am very grateful for the time and work they have put in. If any family needs support during this time, please call the Essex Welfare Service on 03003039988. Other support groups include Childline 09001111, the Domestic Violence Hotline 08082000247 and Citizens advice Bureau on 01245 205579. The Department of Education also have a helpline on 08000468687.

**Please phone Roxwell School on 01245 248229 if you need to speak to me or a member of staff. Most of the teachers are based at Roxwell School. If there is an emergency or a safeguarding issue, please call 07871724903.**

Stay safe, Maire O'Regan, Melissa Bryan and Sarah Cotton.