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Dear children,

I just wanted to write a quick letter to say 'Good Morning' to you all. I know that there have been a lot of changes over the past week but I wanted to let you know how proud I am of each and every one of you.

You all know there is a virus called Coronavirus or Covid- 19 which has meant that we can't all be in school and lots of things that normally go on around us will have to stop for a while. The best way to stop this virus making people unwell is for most people to stay home and not mix with others. This way we are looking after each other and keeping each other safer. I know you will all be brilliant and listen to your families.

Whether you are in school or at home all the teachers love and care for you. We still want to help you. We sent home lots of ideas to keep you busy and hopefully teach you some new skills. We will send your parents/ carers some more website links and ideas over the time you are away from school to keep you busy.

We want to keep sharing our school family time together so each day we will have a thought for the day which you can watch on Mrs. Moss' YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCpmCkj69fBxD60tylNXLfug/>. Each day I will also read a story (one for Fledglings to Year 2 and one aimed at Year 3 to Year 6). This is also where we will share the learning of your friends in school so you can see what we have been up to.

Your teachers still want to help you with your learning. To do this they are happy to receive emails from you on the following days (Grown-ups, we have limited this to one day a week so it is manageable for staff. In the absence of a staff member we will try to give each year group a buddy teacher.) You can send questions about learning or share photos of what you have been up to They will try their best to get back to you. (Grown-ups- please note teacher's will not be able to mark learning as such, just recognise.)

Year Group	Teacher email	Day to email
Fledglings	briggs@eastry.kent.sch.uk	Monday
Year 1	cthomas@eastry.kent.sch.uk	Wednesday
Year 2	kfoley@eastry.kent.sch.uk	Friday
Year 3	gharvey@eastry.kent.sch.uk lgleave@eastry.kent.sch.uk	Friday
Year 4	mleishman@eastry.kent.sch.uk	Tuesday
Year 5	tinglis@eastry.kent.sch.uk	Friday
Year 6	cwilliams@eastry.kent.sch.uk	Thursday

My email will be accessible every day if you parents or carers have anything urgent to message about (headteacher@eastry.kent.sch.uk).

I wanted to say thank you to you all for how hard you have tried over the past few weeks to wash your hands and using tissues to catch and bin those germs. Your families have been fantastic, supporting us and helping out in lots of ways.

So today may feel a bit strange as we start a new way of doing things, for most of you at home. For a few of you, you'll be in school where you will be safe and looked after in smaller groups, so that your parents or carers who work in hospitals, or in the police, border forces, fire service, schools, care homes, food production, delivery, shops or other public services, can do their jobs to keep all of us safe and cared for. We are very proud of them. We are also proud of those people staying at home to help stop the germs spreading. We all have our part to play in this.

Your teachers and I will miss your smiling faces so please share these with your family and make their day like you do ours. I'll be in touch again soon.

Love

Mrs. Moss

