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Dear Parents & Carers,

Yesterday was the start of the summer term for us and I hope that you and your family are safe and well and that you have been able to keep in contact with friends and family.

I'd like to update you on some of the developments which have taken place recently.

- We have established the skeleton school, which enables the children of key workers and our vulnerable pupils to continue their education in a safe place. If you are a critical (key) worker and you would like your child to attend the skeleton school, please send an email to admin@rathfern.lewisham.sch.uk so that this can be followed up.
- We have moved our education provision online Google to Classroom and have provided checks. If for any reason your child has been unable to access the online provision, please do let us know using the email address above. Information is available on the Rathfern website under Remote Learning to support you with accessing Google Classroom.

As we start the beginning of the new term, children should resume learning using Google Classroom platforms from today. Teachers have set appropriate and relevant learning for all students. If there are any questions about this, please do not hesitate to get in touch. Teachers will be in touch with pupils to find out how they are doing and collect home study tips from pupils that could be shared with their peers.

Please read the latest Government advice for parents about educating children at home:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/help-primary-school-children-continue-their-education-during-coronavirus-covid-19>

Many of you know Miss Lucy from Unlocking Potential (UP) who is part of the child well-being provision at Rathfern. Unlocking Potential aim to support children to understand and communicate their feelings effectively. During school closure, Unlocking Potential will be sending out a well-being resource pack which will include a few accessible well-being activities for children. There will also be a section each week offering guidance to parents around various topics. The resource will be included as part of your child's learning and there will be a link with it to UP's demonstration videos that match the activities inside - you will see Miss Lucy in some of these. We really hope you and your child find these resources useful and engaging.

Please do watch my school assemblies which will be posted on Mondays.



We are also looking into ways of creating class meetings online so that pupils can maintain their relationships with each other and their class teacher during the next few weeks. We will keep you posted.

I would like to take this opportunity to express sincere thanks to the Rathfern team who have worked tirelessly during this unprecedented situation and also to the governors of Rathfern Primary who have provided incredible support and guidance that have enabled us to continue to provide education.

We are all part of the Rathfern school community and in times such as these the importance of this becomes clear. Being a member of our school community means that we can rely and support each other. Above all, it means we can work together so that all the children of our community can build the resilience needed to get through the current situation.

Kind Regards

Mrs Maharasingam
Head Teacher

