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Dear Parents and Carers ,

### WELCOME BACK

I hope you have had a wonderful summer with your children and managed to get some rest. Welcome to families joining our school this week. I imagine it is a strange time to be starting Rathfern Primary School, but we are all really excited you are now part of the Rathfern community. I think our school is a wonderful community - full of powerful passionate learners- pupils and staff - and I know you will experience this.

A heartfelt thanks to you for your patience as we settle into the new year with Covid arrangements. There will be more updates in next week's newsletter as I appreciate you have received a lot of information.

### UPDATED INFORMATION:

#### **Communication**

Please ensure you keep the office updated with current email addresses and phone numbers as this is our main point of contact. You can do this by emailing [admin@rathfern.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:admin@rathfern.lewisham.sch.uk).

#### **Water bottles**

CAN be taken home as long as they are brought back the next day

Teachers will remind children at the end of the day to take their bottles - Children cannot go back to the class once they have left.

Reception children will take their bottles out at lunchtime and leave it on a table in the gazebo until they have finished lunch.

#### **Mornings**

Reception and Year 1 children to line up against the wall in the morning and the nursery gate will be open to aid efficiency and avoid congestion. The reception gate to be opened at 8.20. More staff will be at the gates to help deliver the children to their classes.

New signs have been put up outside the school to remind parents of the staggered drop off and pick up times.

#### **Scooters and bikes**

Parents are advised to take home scooters and bikes **where possible** as we are trying to avoid any gathering around the bike and scooter racks



**Parents / carers**

Parents not allowed to enter the school grounds unless invited, and should a parent wish to wait for a sibling they will need to wait across the road.

**Siblings**

Siblings will be taken to the lower junior hall.

Parents can drop their children at the earliest time and collect their children at the latest time.

**Hand gel**

Will be ordered to be used at playtimes only. Handwashing should still take place in the morning and before the end of school when and where possible.

**DROP OFF AND PICK UP**

**I would like to remind parents / carers of the current school timings:**

	<b>Start Times</b>			<b>Collection times</b>
<b>Reception</b>	<b>8.30</b>	<b>GATE A</b>		<b>3.00</b>
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>8.45</b>	“	“	<b>3.15</b>
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>9.00</b>	“	“	<b>3.30</b>
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>8.30</b>	<b>GATE B</b>		<b>3.00</b>
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>8.45</b>	“	“	<b>3.15</b>
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>9.00</b>	“	“	<b>3.30</b>
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>9.15</b>	“	“	<b>3.45</b>

**Please do not arrive too early.**

We ask that parents do not arrive early but arrive for the designated time for your child/year group. This will help to minimise contact. Gates will not be opened to year groups until the time they have been given, so you will not be given early access to the school grounds.

**Please do not be late to collect from school**

It is important that you keep to the scheduled time of arrival so that we are able to maintain class bubbles. This is to reduce the likelihood of high numbers of classes being potentially sent home by Public Health. So we cannot have parents being late for collection.

**Social Distancing**

Please avoid **standing close together and chatting** in order to maintain social distancing. Please pick up your child and leave **promptly** to reduce congestion.

**LATES**

From the 10<sup>th</sup> September fines will start being issued for any parent 15 mins or late on more than 3 occasions.



## **STAFF**

**A warm welcome to our new staff:**

### **Teachers**

Ms Perreta in Reception  
Ms Rhule in Year 3  
Ms Mitchell in Year 4

### **Teaching Assistants**

Ms Lisa in Nursery  
Ms Aliyah in Nursery  
Ms Renne in Reception  
Ms Teresa  
Ms Latanya  
Ms Deborah  
Ms Alice  
Ms Faye  
Ms Clare  
Ms Eleanor

## **CORE VALUES**

Core values underpin all that we do at Rathfern they enable all members of our community to feel safe and valued.

Please discuss our core values with your child they are vital to enable your child to learn effectively at Rathfern.

- Respect each other
- Always question your best
- Take responsibility
- Help and care about each other
- Everyone Matters

## **NEW RECEPTION Learners**

A very,very special warm welcome to all our new Reception pupils and their families. We are confident your children will have a wonderful learning adventure at Rathfern. You are settling in beautifully - Well done children, parents and Early Years staff.

## **FREE SCHOOL MEALS**

Please take time to apply for Free School meals

<https://lewisham.gov.uk/myservices/education/student-pupil-support/free-school-meals-and-extra-support-for-your-child>

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### **Who can get free school meals**

Your child can get free school meals if your combined annual household income is below £16,190 (as assessed by HMRC) and you get one of the following benefits:

- income-based: income support or jobseeker's allowance (not eligible if on contribution based jobseeker's allowance)
- income-related: employment support allowance (not eligible if on contribution based employment support allowance)
- universal credit
- income support
- the guaranteed element of state pension credit
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- child tax credit only.

All successful applicants will get a Nando's voucher.

### **ENRICHMENT CLUBS**

**Delaying the start of before and after school clubs and trips - we need to build confidence slowly.**

Clubs often include children from different year groups so we need to be confident in our protective measures before scaling them back up. This means unfortunately we will not be able to start them straight away.

I know these are important to parents and we will aim to get them in place by the beginning of the second half term. We will also not be having any external trips for the first half-term.

### **PARENTS ON SITE**

#### **Parents will not be permitted onsite**

All parents must not come on site unless invited to do so. This is so we can make sure we have protective measures in place. There will always be someone to greet you at the entrance. We will also conduct virtual meetings.

### **VIRTUAL PARENT MEETINGS**

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> Sept: Year 1 and Year 2 :10.00-10.15am

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> Sept: Year 3 and Year 4 : 10.00-10.15am

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> Sept: Year 5 and Year 6 : 10.00-10.15am

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> Sept: Reception 10.00-10.15am

Zoom links will be sent via text



## CONTACTING THE SCHOOL

General enquiries should be directed to the school office however if you have an urgent question or vital information to communicate, you can email one of the Assistant Heads or specific Year Group leaders (please see the list of emails below).

<b>Assistant Heads</b>	
EYFS /Year 1 Ms Daley	c.daley@rathfern.lewisham.sch.uk
Year 2/3 Mrs Goldsmith	<a href="mailto:c.goldsmith4@rathfern.lewisham.sch.uk">c.goldsmith4@rathfern.lewisham.sch.uk</a>
Year 4/5/6 Mr Ellington	mellington2@rathfern.lewisham.sch.uk
<b>Nursery &amp; Reception</b>	
Ms Daley	c.daley@rathfern.lewisham.sch.uk
<b>Year 1</b>	
Storm – Ms Ritson	a.ritson@rathfern.lewisham.sch.uk
<b>Year 2</b>	
Ms Roach	m.roach@rathfern.lewisham.sch.uk
<b>Year 3</b>	
Ms Gok	e.gok@rathfern.lewisham.sch.uk
<b>Year 4</b>	
Ms Emanuel	lemanuel4@rathfern.lewisham.sch.uk
<b>Year 5 &amp; Year 6</b>	
Mr Ellington	mellington2@rathfern.lewisham.sch.uk

## BREAKFAST CLUB AND WRAPAROUND VIRTUAL MEETING.

To be held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September at 4.30pm

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86971995963?pwd=THRIM2IRYkljWGT3eGhtaDFLNm4wUT09>

Meeting ID: 869 7199 5963

Passcode: 346460

## LEADING CITIZENS

Due to Covid restrictions unfortunately our Leading Citizens meetings will not commence until early October.





## Dates for your diary

### **International Literacy Day**

8th September

International Literacy Day, UNESCO reminds the international community of the status of literacy and adult learning globally.

Rights Link: Article 29: Goals of education

SDG: 4 Quality Education

### **International Day of Democracy**

15th September

The International Day of Democracy was established by the UN in 2007 as an opportunity to review the state of democracy in the world. In particular, the day celebrates the values of Freedom, respect for human rights and the principle of holding genuine elections by universal suffrage.

Rights Link: Article 12: Respect for the views of the child

SDG: 16 Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions and 10 Reducing Inequalities

### **International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer**

16th September

September 16 was designated by the United Nations General Assembly as the International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer. This designation had been made on December 19, 2000, in commemoration of the date, in 1987, on which nations signed the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer

SDG: 13 Climate Action

### **Rosh Hashanah Begins**

18th September

Rosh Hashanah is the celebration of the Jewish New Year

Rights Link: Article 14: Freedom of thought, belief and religion

SDG: 16 Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions

### **International Day of Peace**

21st September

The International Day of Peace was established by the United Nations in 1981 as a day 'devoted to commemorating and strengthening the ideals of peace both within and among all nations and peoples'.

Rights Link: Article 38: War and armed conflicts

SDG: 16 Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions



**World Car free Day**

2nd September

World Car free Day encourages motorists to give up their cars for a day.

Rights Link: Article 24 The right to a clean and safe environment.

SDG 13: Climate Action

**World Maritime Day**

24th September

World Maritime Day focuses on the importance of shipping safety, maritime security and the marine environment.

Rights Link: Article 24 The right to a clean and safe environment.

SDG 14: Life Below Water

