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Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been glorious seeing our beautiful children back at school albeit in such strange and unfamiliar times.

Thank you for your continued support and patience as we refine our systems to make them safer, more efficient and effective for all.

Your patience is **sincerely** appreciated at the beginning and end of the day as it is very important that we follow social distancing protocols to keep our community safe. Already, we have reviewed the collection arrangements for KS1 to encourage efficient and safe pick-up at the end of the day.

If you arrive earlier than your allocated drop off time **please** stand across the road from the school as this will reduce congestion. We need your compliance with these systems. It is important that parents **do not congregate outside the school**. If you need to speak with your child's teacher, please make contact with the school office via telephone or email to arrange this and the teacher will get back to you.

CONNECTING OUR COMMUNITY

This pandemic has separated many of us from friends and family. This is a time to come back together safely; to learn, recover and re-connect. It is also a chance for change. Connecting our community has never been more important. As a Gold Rights Respecting school, the children will be focusing on the rights of the child and developing their understanding of respect and empathy for others during these challenging times. COVID-19 has further created divisions in our society and exposed important issues such as inequality and discrimination. We must continue to confront these issues, examine our attitudes and behaviours, re-imagine and create a better, more equal society. We will connect our community this term through whole school projects including Quality Education, Resistance to Racism, Reducing Inequality and of course, we will also be celebrating the UN's 75th birthday.

Important Date: 21st September

The UN will mark its 75th anniversary on Monday, **21st September 2020** with the theme,

'The Future We Want, the UN We Need'



Bus Travel

Bus Changes: School Routes

As schools start returning, we are encouraging everyone to [walk, cycle or scoot](#) the school run, where possible.

For those using public transport, we have introduced dedicated 'school travel only' [bus services](#) across various busy routes. These will be during term time on weekdays from 07:30 to 09:30 and 14:30 to 16:30 to support increased demand and help with safe travel.

[Find out more about the changes to bus services.](#)

School priorities 2020-2021

A priority for the school is to swiftly respond to the loss of learning for all children during lockdown. Whilst continuing to offer a broad and progressive curriculum, we will focus on filling the gaps in children's learning and help them to catch up. This will be supported by government funding for tuition and interventions. Equally important is the children's physical health and mental well-being. We have planned a recovery programme, in addition to our PSHE curriculum, to support children's transition back to school and to respond to the additional pressures some young children might be feeling as a direct result of the pandemic.

We will be supporting families by offering a series of workshops to encourage the positive well-being of families. Further information will be available in the coming weeks.

Our key priorities for 2020/21 include:

Key Priority 1: To ensure the health and well-being of all pupils (post lockdown)

Key Priority 2: To raise the achievement of all children (first priority writing)

Key Priority 3: To further develop teaching, learning and assessment (first priority writing, science and maths)

Key Priority 4: To build capacity to support and promote professional growth and well-being of all staff

Key Priority 5: To ensure the broad, coherent and balanced decolonised curriculum is underpinned by skills and concept progression

Key Priority 6: To develop collaboration and partnerships with other schools (lateral capacity building)



Secondary Transfer

The online application is now available to access online at www.eadmissions.org.uk. This is the quickest and easiest method of completing the application. You will be required to create a login account, which you can then easily access to check and change your application at any point until the closing date.

An email was sent yesterday detailing various aspects of the secondary transfer and informative links. If you are not receiving these emails, please email admin@rathfern.lewisham.sch.uk.

We are holding a virtual meeting on **Wednesday 16th September at 5:30 pm**

We will also be offering one to one meetings for parents to support you through the process at the beginning of October.

Topic: Year 6 Transition

Time: Sep 16, 2020 05:30 PM Greenwich Mean Time

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89726708394?pwd=NUdLc1lxTVNwcEhzcTlaaUp0MGZ5UT09>

Meeting ID: 897 2670 8394

Passcode: 935310

Handwashing/hygiene

Children will wash or sanitise their hands on arrival at school and will continue to do this at regular intervals throughout the day - always before entering and exiting the classroom, before and after eating, and after using the toilet. Hand sanitiser will be used for break times to speed up the transition process between class and lunch hall.

Uniform and equipment

Children should be dressed in school uniform and only bring the essentials from home such as a lunch box, coat, and school backpack. The water fountains will be out of use so please ensure your child brings in a bottle of water with their name on.

Please, as always, make sure all clothing and equipment has your **child's name on it**.

School grounds and office

Please note that the school and all buildings, including the office, continue to be closed to parents and carers, so if you need to speak with us, please phone the school, 02086903759 or use the office email address admin@rathfern.lewisham.sch.uk



New Reception Families

Congratulations to our new Rathfern children for successfully completing their first full week at school. Well done scholars! and well done to staff and parents

Nursery Open Mornings

This week, we welcomed the youngest members of our school community in for an open day. The children spent the session exploring their new environment and making friends. We look forward to the children starting next week and beginning their learning journey at Rathfern.

Nursery parents with children in other year groups can collect children straight after collecting older children. Please go to the Nursery Gate where you can collect your child. We appreciate your patience whilst we are becoming familiar with new rules and routines.

Forest School

GOOD NEWS!

We have worked with Health and Safety in Lewisham and are delighted to say that Forest School will go ahead.

I am pleased to inform you that the health and safety advisor has agreed that we can attend Forest school with some key adjustments.

- Parents will have to wait **outside** of school to accompany the walk.
- Children can hold hands on the walk but **parents cannot hold** children's hands.
- Children **must wear suitable forest school clothing** which they will remain in through the day

Parents **must wear PPE** (a face mask) throughout the whole session. We are constantly reviewing our systems to support social distancing in school, particularly in regards to drop off and pick up.

Attendance

We are thrilled to record 93%-96% attendance over the first week back. Thank you for keeping the office informed of any absence and for letting us know if you are quarantining following summer holiday travels. We understand that reaching 100% daily attendance is challenging at this time, but we will be celebrating good attendance and time-keeping behaviour in our weekly **Outstanding Learners** assemblies.



Wraparound – Information from the virtual meeting held on the 8th September

On Tuesday 8th September we held a virtual meeting regarding the re-opening of Breakfast club and Wraparound to inform parents / carers of the new systems we are putting in place and the changes that the children will find. Below are the main points covered during this meeting:

BUBBLES

Each year group will keep to their bubble

Numbers are high this year as we have another bulge class in Reception

Should there be fewer than normal children in a bubble they will still stay separate and you should speak to your child and explain that they will not be able to mix with different bubbles.

DROP OFF

Drop off will be at the school gate. A member of staff will collect your child and check on their general health. Should you feel your child is displaying any of the COVID symptoms please do not bring your child to school or to the Wraparound services. Drop off can be at any time between 7.45-8.30

PICK UP

Parents will need to ring the buzzer for Wraparound and again your child will be delivered to the gate, depending on their age. Early Years and KS1 will be taken to the gate and KS2 will make their own way to the gate supervised by an adult. Pick up must be by 6.00pm, fines will be incurred should you be later than this. Should you wish to collect your child earlier, that is fine.

Should you wish your child to take a place in the Breakfast club or Afterschool club, please email Wendy on w.glenn@rathfern.lewisham.sch.uk giving the days you would like. This is flexible for Key workers.

AD HOC

Should you decide your child needs to attend Wraparound, please inform Wendy before noon.

If your child does not need to attend please do not send them, we are extremely short of space and staff hence the cancellation of Enrichment clubs

PRICES

Wraparound

Contract

£9.50.

£7.75

Ad Hoc

£10.50. single child.

£ 8.75. Siblings

Breakfast Club

£3.00. (no priority will be given to FSM children)



We will not be charging should you decide that your child will not be attending. The new staggered times are indefinite but it is unlikely they will change before the beginning of the Spring term at the earliest.

Enrichment clubs will not be taking place for the foreseeable future as there are no hall spaces available and we need to keep the numbers of external teachers entering the building to a minimum.

CORONAVIRUS SYMPTOMS AND ACTIONS

If a child is sent home from school because they are displaying symptoms, please arrange for your child to have a test and inform us of the results.

Symptoms refer to those defined by Public Health England guidance as follows:

- a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

What should we do if	Action	When to return to school
Child has coronavirus symptoms*	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Child should not come to school.• Self-isolate.• Parent please contact school (daily).• Arrange a test for the child and inform school of the result.	The coronavirus test result comes back negative.
Child tests positive for coronavirus.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Do not come to school.• Self-isolate (for at least 10 days from onset of symptoms* as per government guidelines).• Contact school (daily).	Child feels better (after 10 days). Guidelines state children can return to school even if they still have a cough or loss of sense of taste/smell as these symptoms can last for several weeks even after the infection has gone



Person in the same home has coronavirus symptoms*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child should not come to school. • Self-isolate. • Parent please contact school (daily) • Member of the household. should get a test and inform school of the result. 	The household member's test result for coronavirus is negative.
Person in the same home tests positive for coronavirus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child should not come to school. • Parent please contact school (daily). • Self-isolate (for 14 days). 	After 14 days of self-isolation.
NHS Test and Trace has identified my child as a close contact of someone who has symptoms or confirmed coronavirus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child should not come to school. • Parent please contact school (daily). • Self Isolate (for 14 days) 	After 14 days of quarantine.

What should we do if	Action	When to return to school
Child required to self-isolate as part of a period of quarantine following overseas travel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Avoid taking holidays in term time. • Refer to FCO guidance if booking travel. • Inform school in advance of any intent to travel. If returning from a country where quarantine is needed: • Child should not come to school. • Parent please contact school (daily). • Self Isolate (for 14 days) 	After 14 days of quarantine.
Child is extremely clinically vulnerable (in a future local lockdown scenario only). Received government letter informing them they are required to shield	<p>Child should not come to school.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent please contact school (daily). • Share government letter with school. • Shield until you are informed that shielding is paused again, and restrictions are removed. 	School contact you to inform you that restrictions have been removed and child can return to school.



OUTSTANDING LEARNERS

Reception :

STREAM CLASS

Leading citizen : Temidayo

Act of kindness: Florence

Effective /outstanding learners: Michelle and Mia

OCEAN CLASS

Leading citizen- Luna for helping clean up in the classroom

Acts of kindness- Zara for being kind to her friend when they had an accident.

Outstanding learner- Frida for effort.

MANGROVE CLASS

Leading citizen- **Sameera**

Acts of kindness- **Thea**

Outstanding learner- **Alim**

Year 2:

AVALANCHE CLASS

Outstanding Learners: **Brihana**

Leading Citizens: **Nimota**

Acts of Kindness:**Lake**

EVEREST CLASS.

Outstanding Learners: **Andrew**

Leading Citizens: **Georgia B**

Acts of Kindness:**Melanie**

Year 3:

CALDERA CLASS

Outstanding Learners: **Lily**

Leading Citizens: **Kaydee**

Acts of Kindness:**Sam**

CRATER CLASS

Leading citizens: **Shayann**

Acts of kindness : **Louie**

Outstanding Learners **Cezara**



Year 4

TYPHOON

Acts of kindness - **JJ Daley**
Leading citizen - **Bea Douglas**
Outstanding Learners - **Harry Roll**

TSUNAMI CLASS

Outstanding Learners – Tofunmi
Leading – Sophie
Acts of kindness – CJ

Year 5

EQUATOR CLASS

Outstanding Learner - Immanuel/Richard have been very engaged in their science learning this week and have displayed 'curiosity' by posing intriguing questions and sharing fascinating ideas.

Act of Kindness - Alex has been a great collaborator with others in class this week. he has been patient and kind.

Leading Citizen: - Vanessa has been mature and helpful this week. She has been eager to learn about issues that have affected society over lockdown - such as the Black Lives Matters movement.

MERIDIAN CLASS

Leading Citizen: Bulut for always keeping the classroom tidy
Acts of Kindness: Kiara for settling in so well into her new school
Outstanding Learners for Effort: Temani & Aya

Year 6

PANTHALASSA CLASS

Leading Citizen - Deborah
Acts of Kindness - Thirusuthan
Outstanding Learner - Joshua / Kyland

PANGEA CLASS

Leading Citizen - Rebekah
Acts of Kindness - Pippa
Outstanding Learner - Rio



TERM DATES : 2020/21

AUTUMN TERM 2020

Wednesday 2nd September 2020	INSET DAY
Thursday 3 rd September 2020	Children return to school
Friday 23 rd October 2020	Last day of term
Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October 2020 - HALF TERM HOLIDAY	
Monday 2 nd November 2020	INSET DAY
Tuesday 3 rd November	Children return to school
Friday 18 th December 2020	Last day of term

SPRING TERM 2021

Monday 4 th January	INSET DAY
Tuesday 5 th January	INSET DAY
Wednesday 6 th January 2021	Children return to school
Friday 12 th February 2021	Last Day of term
Monday 15th February – Friday 19th February 2021 - HALF TERM HOLIDAY	
Monday 22 nd February 2021	Children return to school
Wednesday 31 st March 2021	Last day of term
Thursday 1st April – Friday 16th April 2021 – EASTER HOLIDAYS	

SUMMER TERM 2021

Monday 19 th April 2021	Children return to school
Monday 3 rd May 2021	MAY BANK HOLIDAY
Friday 28 th May 2021	Last day of term
Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June 2021 – HALF TERM HOLIDAY	
Monday 7 th June 2021	Children return to school
Thursday 22 nd July 2021	Last day of term
Friday 23 rd July 2021	INSET DAY

