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Dear Parents/Carers,

Another wonderful week at school. There has been a real purpose to learning; our learners are engaged, motivated and happy every day.

British Black History at Rathfern Primary School

At Rathfern we recognise the fundamental importance of celebrating and teaching British black histories.

Our school's curriculum is designed to reflect and celebrate our local community's culture and history; making it relevant, affirming, broad and balanced. We empower all our pupils by explicitly exploring the role that key black people and others have played in challenging racism and thus shaping a more just and equitable world today. We believe it is essential that these teachings are consistent throughout each and every year of your child's learning journey. We strongly believe that the teaching of black British history should not be designated to a single month.

Remote Learning Review this week (in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6)

In spite of the challenging circumstances, Remote Learning in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 has got off to a good start this week. As a teaching team, we have reflected on the successes and challenges of remote learning during lockdown and the school closure and we are attempting to improve the provision of teaching and learning for Rathfern pupils.

In all year group bubbles that are currently closed, we are providing three live sessions a day, incorporating live teaching. Pupils have received a weekly remote learning timetable that replicates a normal school week and provides structure to the school day. We have been encouraged by pupil interactions thus far and look forward to developing our remote learning practice to improve the experience of pupils and families.

We really appreciate all of the feedback that you have given us. Thanks for all your hard work at home – pupils, parents and carers – and we look forward to having you back in school very soon.



Remote Learning on Google Classroom

For support on how to access and use Google Classroom please visit the Rathfern Primary School Homepage (<https://www.rathfern.lewisham.sch.uk>) and click on the 'Remote Learning with Google Classroom' button. On this page, there are helpful tutorial videos and useful support documents that can be viewed and downloaded. If you have any further questions about how to use Google Classroom, please get in contact with your child's class teacher.

The screenshot shows the Rathfern Primary School website. At the top is the school logo and name, 'Rathfern Primary School', with the tagline 'Where everyone learns to learn...'. Below this is a navigation menu with links for HOME, ABOUT, INFORMATION, YEAR GROUPS, CALENDAR, TERM DATES, NEWS, and CONTACT. The main content area features a 'Newsflash!' banner. On the left, there is a green box titled 'Remote Learning with Google Classroom' with a sub-header 'Dear Rathfern Community,'. The text inside explains that from Monday, 20th April, pupils can access their learning activities through Google Classroom. A red callout box points to a button that says 'Click here for guidance on how to access and use Google Classroom'. Below this is a button labeled 'REMOTE LEARNING WITH GOOGLE CLASSROOM'. On the right, there is a red box titled 'Coronavirus & School Closure Updates' containing a search bar, a list of documents with their dates and sizes, and a 'Please check here regularly for updates' notice.

COVID UPDATE

REMINDER:

- Please do not bring your child to the school gates if they are a close contact of the closed bubble. They should be self-isolating at home.
- IF you have symptoms or your family is showing symptoms, the whole family should be tested and the school informed so the necessary actions can be taken.
- We would also ask parents to wear a mask when waiting to drop or collect their child from outside the school. This not only keeps you safe, but others also.
- We understand parents will be concerned about the small number of cases at Rathfern Primary School. Here are some FAQs.



Is my child able to come to school?

Yes.

Prior to reopening, every school had to complete a detailed risk assessment against the government's guidance document. The Risk Assessment is available to view on the school's website. We have split the school carefully into bubbles which means we can limit any wider impact.

How can you guarantee that my child is safe?

We can guarantee that we are following the government's guidance thoroughly. Our health and safety advisors believe our control measures to be of a very good standard. The school is doing everything it can to mitigate the risk.

How can I support the school to reduce transmission?

- Wear a mask when bringing/collecting you child
- Arrive at the allocated times for your child's year group
- Do not congregate in large groups with other parents waiting to collect
- Leave the school gate as soon as you've collected your child
- Re enforce the safety routines with your child: hand washing and distancing

RETURN DATES

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| ○ Year 1 | Tuesday 6 th October |
| ○ Year 6 | Friday 9 th October |
| ○ Stream & Mangrove | Friday 9 th October |
| ○ Ocean Class | Monday 12 th October |

STAFF INSET DAY

Monday 2nd November

Virtual Training Events –

Learning Attributes **Wednesday** October 21st, at 9:30 am.

Please ensure you login on time

SLT Virtual Meet

Many Thanks again to parents who joined us for our Virtual meet the SLT.

We will be holding Virtual SLT meetings every Friday 9:30am-10 am. You will be able to raise any questions you may have and hear more about our approach to keeping your child/children safe.

Should you have any questions, comments and queries that you would like us to answer regarding



the bubble closures or risk assessments, you can now use our new email address:
covid@rathfern.lewisham.sch.uk

Remote Reading

During the past week, we have been investigating the best platforms to provide your child with remote learning opportunities for reading. In the coming weeks, these platforms will be shared with your child and they will be accessible from their Google Classroom.

As a school, we will be using 'Epic', 'Oxford Owl' and a BAME-focused 'Google Classroom Library' amongst other providers of downloadable eBooks and audiobooks. These platforms provide phonics-level books right through to more challenging chapter books. 'Epic' also holds a fantastic collection of graphic novels which the children tend to love to read for pleasure!

Finally, we will be implementing the online reading scheme 'Bug Club' over the coming weeks across our school. This reading platform allows teachers to allocate appropriately levelled, engaging books to children for online reading. This scheme also includes comprehension questions and immediate feedback to children through their reading. We will give you a more detailed update once the scheme has been set up.

If you have any questions about online reading platforms, please ask your class teacher.

Miss Baker - English Lead

QUICKER COVID TESTING FOR ESSENTIAL WORKERS

To all our parents and carers who are essential workers

Employer referral for essential workers

Employers can refer essential workers for testing if they are self-isolating because either they or member(s) of their household have coronavirus symptoms.

They can do this by uploading the names and contact details of self-isolating essential workers to the secure employer referral portal.

Referred essential workers will then receive a text message with a unique invitation code to [book a test for themselves](#) (if symptomatic) or their symptomatic household member(s) at a regional testing site.

To get a login to the employer referral portal, employers of essential workers should email portalservicedesk@dhsc.gov.uk with the following information:

- organisation name
- nature of the organisation's business
- region
- names (where possible) and email addresses of the 2 users who will load essential worker contact details



Once employer details have been verified, 2 login credentials will be provided for the employer referral portal.

Please visit the www.gov.uk for a full list of who qualifies as an 'essential worker'.



LOST PROPERTY

Please remember to write or sew your child's name in all their uniform, PE kits, shoes and bags as we are still accumulating many items of Lost Property and very nice coats but there are no names inside so we can return them.

WATER BOTTLES

Please remember to send your child to school each day with a water bottle. At the moment water fountains are turned off as they cannot be used for safety reasons.



⚠ Important ⚠

Advice for schools

CORONAVIRUS SYMPTOMS IN CHILDREN

A CHILD WHO DEVELOPS ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING SYMPTOMS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AS A POTENTIAL CORONAVIRUS CASE:



NEW CONTINUOUS COUGH

This means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or three or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if the child usually has a cough, it may be worse than usual)



FEVER (TEMPERATURE OF 37.8°C OR HIGHER)

The child will also feel hot to touch on their chest or back



A LOSS OR CHANGE TO SENSE OF SMELL OR TASTE

this means the child has noticed they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

MOST CHILDREN WITH CORONAVIRUS HAVE AT LEAST ONE OF THESE SYMPTOMS.



If a child is unwell with one or more of these specific symptoms they should be told not to come into school or sent home as soon as possible and advised to get a coronavirus test. **ONLY** those children with one or more of these symptoms or those advised by their clinician or Local Authority should get a test.



Children reporting other symptoms such as a headache, sore throat, runny or sniffling nose, earache, itchy eyes, lethargy or tiredness **WITHOUT** a fever should **NOT** be treated as potential coronavirus cases or advised to take a test.

If the national guidance on symptoms of coronavirus in children changes, updated information will be provided at a local level as soon as possible. This information about coronavirus symptoms in children can be shared with all school teaching and administration staff as well as parents and carers where necessary.

For further guidance on coronavirus testing for schools, please read the letter from PHE and NHS Test and Trace to school and college leaders at: bit.ly/phe-schools



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TERM DATES : 2020/21

AUTUMN TERM 2020

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

SPRING TERM 2021

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

SUMMER TERM 2021

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

