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Dear Parents/Carers,

A huge thank you to all of our parental community who have been so supportive in our first three weeks of opening up fully to all of our children. Your kind words and efforts to follow our new procedures are greatly appreciated!

When collecting or dropping off your child, please remember to follow social distancing guidelines and **not** gather in groups.

We also ask that you **do not linger at drop off and collection** points to help avoid congestion.

CHANGE OF PROCEDURES FOR SIBLING DROP OFF AND PICK UP

You will now know that we have had four confirmed cases of COVID 19 across the school. We have reviewed our risk assessments and unfortunately, we can no longer facilitate early drop off and late pick up for siblings.

We understand that this is very inconvenient for parents and carers, but the safety of our pupils is our first priority. So, from Monday (28th) you will need to drop off and pick up each one of your children at the designated time for their year group.

IF YOU ARE LATE - WE WON'T WAIT!

Please make sure you are on time. If you are late that increases the risk of bubbles mixing and is **not** helping to keep our school and wider community as safe as possible.

DROP OFF and PICK UP SAFETY – FACE COVERINGS

If you are unable to maintain a 2 metre social distance from other parents and carers during morning and afternoon drop off and pick up times, then we strongly advise you to wear a face covering to protect yourself and our Rathfern community



Please see below for a reminder of times and locations

	MORNING	HOMETIME
SMALL GATE		
Nursery	8.50am	varies
GATE A		
FRONT PLAYGROUND		
Reception	8.30am	3.00pm
Year 1	8.45am	3.15pm
Year 2	9.00am	3.30pm
GATE B		
BACK PLAYGROUND		
Year 3	8.30am	3.00pm
Year 4	8.45am	3.15pm
Year 5	9.00am	3.30pm
Year 6	9.15am	3.45pm

Virtual meet the Senior Leadership Team (SLT)

Many Thanks 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 safe.

Virtual training for parents -Learning Attributes

Wednesday 21st October 9:30 am

Forest School



We were really pleased that our Reception children were able to visit Forest School this week and had the chance to explore the Wildcat Wilderness site in Catford. They enjoyed climbing trees, looking for frogs in the pond and investigating the bug hotels for mini-beasts.

Thank you to all the parent volunteers who have given up their time to support us on our visits. We are really looking forward to attending Forest school every week to learn more about our local environment!



Home – School Reading Routines

Due to the restrictions in place regarding the implications of handling paper and books, we would like to update you on some changes to our home school reading procedures.

Next week, reading books will be sent home with all children in all year groups.



EYFS and KS1

Books will be changed by the class TA every Friday. On this day, the class TA will also collect in Reading Records and read any comments you have made regarding your child's reading progress etc. They will write the name of the new book in the reading record.

As your child brings back their reading books, these books will be quarantined in a separate place for a designated amount of time before being redistributed.

The class TA will undertake a sanitisation process when looking through reading records, so that these record books can be sent back to you by the end of the day on Friday.

KS2

The children will bring back their reading books to change across the week as they finish their books at home. These books will be quarantined for a designated amount of time before redistribution.

Reading Records will be collected in every Friday and comments read by the class TA. The reading record will be stamped or a short comment / initial will be made to acknowledge your entries.

The class TA will undertake a sanitisation process when looking through reading records so that these record books can be sent back to you by the end of the day on Friday.

Clare Goldsmith





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't 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.



OUTSTANDING LEARNERS

Nursery:

Outstanding Learner: Eljo & Ariyah
Leading Citizen: Daisy & Amine

Reception :

STREAM CLASS

Outstanding Learner: Harry S
Acts of Kindness: Jack G
Leading Citizen: Mia M

OCEAN CLASS

Outstanding Learner: Jack M
Acts of Kindness: Eseosa
Leading Citizen: Umaiza

MANGROVE CLASS

Outstanding Learner: Taylor
Acts of Kindness: Edith
Leading Citizen: Rushaine



Year 2:

AVALANCHE CLASS

Outstanding Learner: Esmé

Acts of Kindness: Elise

Leading Citizen: Nishan

EVEREST CLASS.

Outstanding Learner: Zihao

Acts of Kindness: Chyna

Leading Citizen: Jewel

Year 3:

CALDERA CLASS

Outstanding Learner: Temilade

Acts of Kindness: Aaliyah

Leading Citizen: Archie and Demari

CRATER CLASS

Outstanding Learner: Hallie

Acts of Kindness: Louie

Leading Citizen: Dmitriy

Year 4

TYPHOON

Outstanding Learner: Sam

Acts of Kindness: Minnie

Leading Citizen: Victoria

TSUNAMI CLASS

Outstanding Learner: Joan

Acts of Kindness: Khadijat

Leading Citizen: Angel



Year 5

EQUATOR CLASS

Outstanding Learner: Richard & Siradjo

Acts of Kindness: Jesse

Leading Citizen: Davina

MERIDIAN CLASS

Outstanding Learner: Lateef

Acts of Kindness: Oliwa

Leading Citizen: Riley

Year 6

PANTHALASSA CLASS

Outstanding Learner: Tamiah

Acts of Kindness: Ava

Leading Citizen: Eshe

PANGEA CLASS

Outstanding Learner: Jai

Acts of Kindness: Karen

Leading Citizen: Ella



⚠️ 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

