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Dear Parents & Carers

It's been another wonderful week at virtual and skeleton school with much brilliant online learning. Please do get in touch with any feedback so we can make sure we are making the learning experience as impactful as possible.

We are also planning an end of half-term celebration of learning event on **12th February** where you will be able to see what your child has achieved.

At Rathfern we will always stand up against hatred and intolerance in all its forms. The theme of this year's **Holocaust Memorial Day - "Be light in the Darkness"**, is more important than ever in today's society and one that we must all unite behind.

### Top tip for Rathfern scholars!

Please encourage your child to set an alarm on their device 5 minutes before the start of the day to support them with punctuality.

We are over halfway through this first half of Spring term and I think it is important to reflect on everything we have achieved already - successfully moved to online learning, with Reception doing this too! Pupils experiencing a broad and balanced curriculum; continued to show our values in everything we do! What a great start to Spring! We have a lot more lined up for us to do this term, so please keep checking our '**Dates for your diary**' section for exciting updates.

### Communicating with school

Please remember that the office hours are shorter 8.45-3.15 by appointment only; should you have any queries, please phone us on 02086903759 or email [admin@rathfern.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:admin@rathfern.lewisham.sch.uk)

Please do get in touch with the key contacts below with any questions or concerns. We will update you as soon as we have any additional government guidance.

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## Critical Workers

We now have around **150 +** pupils in school. I realise that this is an extremely difficult situation for everyone and this is not the ideal situation for children and parents alike. However, schools have been 'closed' to try to **reduce** the amount of social contact between people, which will in turn reduce the spread of the virus which is currently at an alarming level. We have worked tirelessly to accommodate more children but I must inform parents that we do not have any further capacity.



We have had a few cases of ring worm occur and would like to inform parents what they should be looking out for.

## Ringworm What is it?

Despite its name, ringworm does not have anything to do with worms. It is a fungal infection of the skin, hair or nails and is also known as tinea. Ringworm often looks like a round, red or silvery patch of skin that may be scaly and itchy. It is caused by various types of fungi and infections are named after the parts of the body that are affected (namely, face, groin, foot, hand, scalp, beard and nail).

What are the symptoms?

The ring spreads outwards as it progresses. There may be one patch or several patches of ringworm and in more serious cases the skin may become raised and blistered.

When can my child return to school?

Individuals with skin and scalp ringworm can return to school once they have started treatment with anti-fungal agents.

## Progress on the School Streets.

The Road Safety Team have been out this afternoon attaching posters to lampposts and signposts in School Street areas. This is to inform residents and parents about the new equipment and signage that will be or is being installed at the moment.

Residents and parents will be notified before any enforcement action takes place. Some of you will already have noticed equipment being installed. I will contact you all again when we have another update to keep you informed of the progress.



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2021

### Whole School Zoom assembly Feb 12, 2021 10:00

Naheeda Maharasingam is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

<https://zoom.us/j/92840569823?pwd=ZC9HVENCbGRkcZMNIptT3ZtemQ4dz09>

Meeting ID: 928 4056 9823

Passcode: 383280

### Virtual SLT

Now **Tuesday at 12.30pm** due to remote learning clashes.

Please join us to hear about the latest updates and ask us any questions you may have.

Mrs Maharasingam is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

<https://zoom.us/j/92523318178?pwd=T2lrVEdxOTBUV2xCMnV3VjFydUNrQT09>

Meeting ID: 925 2331 8178

Passcode: 314646

### Half Term

February 15th-19th

Thank you again for your support, patience and cooperation.  
I wish you a restful and safe weekend.

Naheeda Maharasingam FCCT LLE

Head Teacher

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