

SEN EDITION



Welcome to our first edition of a SEN newsletter dedicated specifically for special educational needs. We hope you find this useful for keeping you up to date with the SEN news that takes place at Rushey Green Primary. If you have any suggestions of what you would like in future editions, please let the school office know.

We are very sad to say goodbye to Michelle Main and Chris Francis are both retiring at the end of the academic year. They have supported the children and families at Rushey Green for many years. They will certainly be missed and we wish them both a long and happy retirement.

Joining our team for the Centre of the Deaf is Ms Hillier and Mr Keeley.

Read the interesting facts about them below.

I'm Mr Keeley and I'll be one of your teachers from September; I'm very excited to be working with you at your lovely school. I used to work in a school for Deaf children so ,hopefully I'll have lots to share with you and I know that you'll teach me lots too!

A couple of interesting facts about me - I'm a twin (there's someone who looks exactly the same as me!) and I used to work in a prison. I hope you all have a lovely summer and I look forward to seeing you in September.



Hi, my name is Ms Hillier. I have worked with Deaf pupils and their families since 1989. I have worked in many different London boroughs and in Kent for the last ten years. I am really looking forward to coming to work in Lewisham for the first time. I grew up in Charlton and my dad still lives there. I went to school locally.

MEET THE REST OF OUR INCLUSION TEAM



Miss Hughes-SENDSCO



Miss Stacey-Pastoral Manager



Miss Handley-Learning Mentor



Mr Macho



Mrs Steffens-Sperb

Mr Macho and Mrs Steffens-Sperb will also be part of the Centre for the Deaf , supporting children in reception and in year 5.

Emily Beadle will also be supporting the children in the Centre for their speech and language needs.

Our Educational Psychologist for Rushey Green is Caoimhe McBay.



Transition and change can be a difficult time for some children; whether it's a new school or new year group.

We have a range on transition support including social stories, zoom meetings with the new class teacher and transition interventions to support children in September.

If you have any concerns about your child's transition, speak to the SENco.

Coping with the summer holidays

We know that for some children, lots of unstructured time can be difficult. Here are some tips to help support you child over summer.

- Make a plan-draw up a list of activities that everyone wants to do. Activities can be kept simple. For example, local visits to the park, playing board games or baking sweet treats.
- Keep informed-check your local council's website for events happening in your area.
- Create a calendar or timetable with weekly/monthly routines to support your child with any upcoming events.
- Ask for help- everyone needs support. Talk to family and friends to help plan ahead.
- You know your child best. Check facilities and attractions before you go to help you to avoid trigger situations. In some situations, it may help if you have a distraction ready or be prepared to revert to something tried and tested that you know your child enjoys and feels safe.



SEND PARENTS'
COFFEE
MORNING

In the new academic year, we will be launching more coffee mornings for our parents of pupils with additional needs.

We hope that it will provide an opportunity to meet and chat with other parents, have a coffee, ask questions and learn about a range of different things.

More information about dates and times will be coming soon .

WELLBEING

During tough times, we all need a little reminder that we can cope. At Rushey Green, we recognise that after a long period of being at home, some children will find coming back to school difficult. To support all children's return to school in September, we have designed a well-being and mental health curriculum. More information on this will be given in our September edition.

Local Offer



Due to Covid-19, a number of services usually on offer over the summer has had to be cancelled. Updates can be found on the following website below.

<https://lewisham.gov.uk/myservices/socialcare/children/special-educational-needs-and-disabilities/find-things-to-do>

Despite there being less services available this summer, there are a wealth of online resources on the Lewisham website. Here you will find loads of LIVE content, workshops and activities to keep your children entertained.

<https://www.youthfirst.org.uk/lewisham/summer>

Should you find that you, a friend or a neighbour need support with accessing food banks over the summer, you can call the following helpline: **03330 150378**.

We appreciate that with school drawing to a close for the summer, parents may struggle with child-care. There will be a **limited opening of summer play schemes** available in Lewisham. To find out more, visit the following website:

<https://www.youthfirst.org.uk/lewisham/summer>





Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children at Rushey Green is the responsibility of the whole school community. All adults in this school (including visitors, volunteers and students on placement), are expected to report any concerns for a child's wellbeing to the Designated Safeguarding leads.

The Designated Safeguarding Leads are: Miss Stacey

The Deputy Safeguarding Lead is: Miss Hughes

If someone is concerned about the safety and welfare of a child outside of school hours, they can contact the **Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub**, which is a partnership of agencies with a duty to keep children safe.

You can contact the **MASH** on **020 8314 6660** and ask to speak with a duty social worker. If you think a child or young person may be in immediate danger, call **999** or contact your local police on **101**.

Should you need to contact the SENDCO, during school hours, you can use the following email addresses:

a.hughes@rusheygreen.lewisham.sch.uk

admin@rusheygreen.lewisham.sch.uk

