

Dear Families,

We hope you are all well and have had a good week.

It has been great to welcome back some of our Nursery and Reception children this week. It is certainly great to hear lots more children's voice in school. The children have had a great time and have adapted very quickly to the new routines and classrooms.

Next we look forward to seeing Year 1 and Year 6 children back to school.

Online learning

Many of you have asked if online learning will continue. Yes, we will still continue to provide learning via purple mash for all those children not in school. We are now working with children Monday to Thursday only to allow for extra cleaning and planning time for teachers, that will be teaching all week.

White Rose Maths: For a period of time this resource has been free for all to use. Any new add ons by White Rose are now not free and can only be accessed if purchased by the school. We will **ONLY** use Purple Mash as our main tool, as we have already purchased the subscription of this.

Maths, English and Wider Curriculum activities will be provided by via Purple Mash and White Rose tutorials are available if parents wish to use it however will not be able to download the worksheets. You will only be able to watch the videos on White Rose to support you.

BLACK LIVES MATTER

Like us I am sure many of you have been saddened by the news in American and death of George Floyd. You may have even been to join one of the peaceful protests this week yourselves.

Today we have added a statement to our website, expressing our stance on inequality. Next week with the children we will have a curriculum focus on BlackLivesMatter. I look forward to sharing with you the children's work.

If as a family you have discussed this with your children and completed any work please share with us. Here are some great children's stories to share with your children talking about Race. [Jelani Memory - A kids book about racism](#)
[Let's talk about Race](#) by Julius Lester



RECEPTION



The reception children were very excited to return to school on Thursday to see their friends and teachers. Even though their classrooms and outside areas looked a little different they were soon engaged



in all the fun activities. Children drew and made pictures of who was in their bubble as well as socially distancing on the space hoppers in the outside area.



NURSERY ADMISSIONS

If you have a child who will be 3 on or before 31st August 2020 and are interested in joining our Nursery in September, please complete an application form and return/email to the School Office.

Please email:

admin@rusheygreen.lewisham.sch.uk
or call on 0208 698 5001 for further information.

We look forward to hearing from you.

BLACK

MENTAL HEALTH

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Images and videos of black people facing injustices can leave you feeling hopeless, angry and overwhelmed. As these issues continue to escalate, it is important to practice self-care. Here are some things you can do to get a bit of relief.

1. Social media breaks.

Social media is full of triggering images and you can easily spend hours online consumed by it. Log out and put down your phone if you start to feel overwhelmed. Try and have a routine and stick to it. Whether that's taking out an hour a day to read or to just listen to music.



2. Accept your feelings and reactions.

Pushing away negative feelings is not always healthy. It is okay to feel angry or frustrated with injustices. A good way to deal with your feelings is to channel it into an activity. For example: going for a walk or a run outside.



3. Channel your frustrations.

You can spread awareness from home on social media. Avoid sharing graphic images. You can sign petitions online as a way of doing your bit for the Black Lives Matter movement. You can channel your frustrations creatively through art or even making music.



4. Talk to trusted family, friends and teachers.

Talking with others can help! Share your thoughts and feelings with trusted people in your life. You can also email teachers who you feel will understand you. However, remember to have boundaries - you do not have to engage with people who do not understand you.



5. Read, listen to, or watch what celebrates blackness.

Read books, articles online and research things that celebrate the positive and amazing contributions that Black people make to our society daily!





In our school we stand united in our commitment to tackle and challenge racism, address inequality and call out discrimination

At Rushey Green we uphold equality, we value and are proud of our rich culture, no child, no parent, no member of staff nor will any visitor feel unwelcome in our school community.

WE ARE PROUD OF OUR CULTURALLY DIVERSE FAMILIES

We stand together regardless of your age, disability, race, sexuality, gender or religion

#BlackLivesMatter

TERM DATES

AUTUMN TERM 2020

Staff return	2 nd September 2020	
Pupils return to school	3 rd September 2020	23 rd October 2020
Half Term	26th October 2020	30th October 2020
Staff return	2 nd November 2020	
Pupils to return to school	3 rd November 2020	18 th December 2020

SPRING TERM 2021

Staff return	4 th January 2021	
Pupils return to school	5 th January 2021	12 th February 2021
Half Term	15th February 2021	19th February 2021
Return to school	22 nd February 2021	31 st March 2021
Easter Break	1st April 2021	16th April 2021

SUMMER TERM 2021

Return to school	19 th April 2021	28 nd May 2021
Half Term	31st May 2021	4th June 2021
Return to school	7 th June 2021	23 rd July 2021

INSET DAYS (5) - NO CHILDREN IN SCHOOL

02nd September 2020 Staff INSET

2nd November 2020 Staff INSET

04th January 2021 Staff INSET

Two (2) additional dates to be confirmed

2020 Bank Holidays

2nd April 2021 Good Friday

5th April 2021 Easter Monday

3rd May 2021 Early May Bank Holiday

31st May 2021 Spring Bank Holiday