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## Coronavirus update 20.03.2020

Dear All,

Most of you will now know that Wednesday, the government ordered schools in the UK to close on Friday afternoon until further notice.

I realise this is distressing news for the entire school community and will leave many anxious, but I want to reassure everyone that we have spent a great deal of time preparing for this announcement. I feel very confident we have everything in place to ensure that we continue to support you and your children in the coming weeks and months.

This summer's KS2 SATs, GCSE, A Level and other public exams will not go ahead. Our children have worked so hard preparing for their SATs and the uncertainty about what arrangements the government will put in place will no doubt cause a great deal of anxiety. The government says it will work with schools to ensure children get the qualifications that they need. As more details are released we will be doing everything we can to help children understand what it means for them.

Whilst we are operating a partial closure we want all of our families to know we are here to support where we can. The school office will have a limited service; email contact is the easiest way to communicate at the moment as staff that are working from home will be able to access messages and deal with any queries, [admin@rusheygreen.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:admin@rusheygreen.lewisham.sch.uk)  
In order to get the message to the right person please put to the attention of:

Lisa Williams – Headteacher

Alecia Hughes – SENCO

Stacey McIntosh – Safeguarding lead

Ruth Pott-Negrine – Chair of Governors

Deputy ~Headteacher

Today we will plan for how we can offer a service to look after the children of key workers and other children that the government wants us to keep in school.

**However, the government's plan to reduce the spread of the virus is key. If it is at all possible for children to be at home, then they should be.**

The latest guidance on key workers is:

To help us plan for next week, can you indicate by **12 noon today** if you fit into this category and you **can not** care for your child or children and the support will need during this time:





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Please see full details on the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

Child's name		
Class:		
Key Worker	Tick appropriate box	please indicate job role
NHS –		
Public safety		
Food distribution		
Social worker -		
Teaching staff/ education specialists		
Local national government		
Key public services		
Utilities, communication and financial services		
Transport		

All staff have worked tirelessly this week to ensure we have 'home learning' arrangements in place. Details of home learning arrangements and how you will keep in touch with children have been sent and are posted on our website. We will work hard to make sure this is a seamless transition for the children. We will be talking to the children about what will happen next to help them to make sense of it all, keep them calm and reassure them.

I am sure that you will join me in thanking all our fantastic staff for working so hard at this difficult time. Some cannot be in school at the moment but are working hard at home.

I want to thank you all for working with us and your continued support for the school at this time. Updates will be sent via email as soon as we are aware of any future changes.

Kind regards,

Lisa Williams  
Headteacher

