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Dear Parents,

I do hope you are all well and keeping safe.

Firstly, can I thank you all for the great work you are doing to support your children with online learning and other home learning tasks. We know these times are not easy to navigate. You are doing a fantastic job. It has been wonderful to hear about the zoom class meetings, I am so pleased the children are getting a chance to see their teacher in school.

The staff are working hard to keep the critical key worker children safe and engaged in school, planning for online learning for children at home.

You will now have had time to think and discuss the government's announcement on the plans for some children. The proposal is for **Nursery, Reception, year one and year six** to have a phased return to school from Monday 1st June (at the earliest). This date is not yet confirmed and the government will make further announcements.

We know you will have questions about when your children will be able to return to school and we are really looking forward to welcoming children and families back. We ask that you to give us time to work on our plans to make sure appropriate arrangements are in place so that all children and adults can be as safe as possible while in school.

Many of you will have lots of questions I know. We will not pressure any families to return and they will not be penalised for their child's absence during this lockdown period. You will be concerned about children transitioning to new classes next year and the affect this will have on them. We want you to know we will consider all of these issues as we too have these concerns and they are at the forefront of our plans.

In the meantime, only children of critical workers and those identified as vulnerable can come in to school with the agreement of the Headteacher. If you think your child can be in school, please contact admin@rusheygreen.lewisham.sch.uk

Once the date for schools re-opening is confirmed, we will contact families individually to let you know the arrangements for your child. This is unlikely that all the children will return at the same time, even in the same year group. Children should only return to school when they have received a start date from us and not before.

We will tell you more as soon as we can; in the meantime home learning will continue on Purplemash.

Please stay safe and well.

Best wishes,

Lisa Williams Headteacher





