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Dear Parents,

### Re: update on possible reopening of schools

Thank you for your patience while we waited for further information on reopening schools – the government has now published more guidance, and we summarise what we know so far below.

To recap, if the government thinks it's safe, schools will reopen from 1 June 2020 to nursery, reception, year 1 and year 6 pupils.

We will only begin the phased reopening when the government advise that it is safe to go ahead. During the coming week, we will be preparing a detailed plan to safely welcome the above year groups back.

Precautions we'll be taking include:

- **Curriculum and Learning**

Firstly, our priority is to supporting your children back into a school routine. We want to ensure they are safe and happy pupils, ready to learn again. We will take each learning step slowly and understand the importance of preparing the children for the next academic year and the change- over of classes and teacher. For Reception children, we know this is another big change and support will be provided. We also know that it is difficult for the Year 6 children who are leaving for secondary school and it is not an ideal way to end their many happy years in primary school. It is important to provide children with a safe place to talk about the next steps of their education. We believe school is the best place to do this as long as the right safety measures are in place.

- **Limiting class sizes**

Children will be asked to return in groups of no more than 15 per class. Each class will work and play together through the day. They will work in a 'Bubble' meaning that they will only mix with their class and teacher. Each class will be allocated two teachers to work with them on a rota basis.

The classrooms have been re-organised to allow for social distancing. Children will be working on tables no more than two per table with a reasonable distance between them. They will have their own resources and books to access on their table.

- **Staggering break times, and pick-up and drop-off.**

We will re-organise the school timetable to allow children to play outside in their groups and not mix with others. Lunch times will be on a rota to allow for social distancing.

We strongly ask parents to not gather at the school gate and adhere to the drop off and pick up times. We also ask that only one parent to drop off or pick up each day. There will be further guidance on the entrance and exit routes into the school which we will share at a later date.

The school office will be closed for face to face meetings. You can always call to make an appointment or contact the office or myself via email [admin@rusheygreen.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:admin@rusheygreen.lewisham.sch.uk)





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- **Increased cleaning**

Mr Gibbs and the cleaning team have done a fantastic job of cleaning the building and maintaining the communal areas. The school has had a deep clean and will continue to be cleaned daily. There will regular cleaning of toilets and surfaces, throughout the day.

- **Keeping pupils and staff with coronavirus symptoms at home**

If your child is clinically extremely vulnerable, or living with someone who is in this group, they should not come back to school and should continue home learning.

If your child is clinically vulnerable (but not clinically extremely vulnerable), follow medical advice and decide if they should come back to school. Please refer to government guidance for further details of these groups: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/reopening-schools-and-other-educational-settings-from-1-june>

I want to reassure you that whilst attendance will be recorded in school and we will encourage parents to bring their children back to school, we will not be pressuring parents to send their children into school – you know what's best for your child's health and wellbeing. Parents will not be penalised for non-attendance.

We'll provide you with more details on the arrangements for reopening in the before 1<sup>st</sup> June once we know the date is confirmed. To allow us to plan fully, it would be very helpful if you could complete the online survey.

Link: <https://forms.gle/cVooFMHmJ9FHoypg9>

Please be reminded that in the meantime, the school is still open only for vulnerable pupils and the children of critical workers. Until we're told it's safe to do so, we're unable to provide places for other children.

We'll keep you updated once we know more about when the school will be able to reopen for other year groups. For pupils at home, we'll continue to support you and your child with home learning, and meal support for those eligible.

If you have any questions, please contact [admin@rusheygreen.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:admin@rusheygreen.lewisham.sch.uk)

Warm regards,

Best wishes,

Lisa Williams  
Headteacher

