



Chase Lane Primary School and Nursery Unit

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I write with this week's update and hope as always that it finds you all fit and well.

The government have again given further details this week about how various sectors will start trading etc. In their announcements and in conjunction with the press, it would appear to have caused some confusion regarding schools and provision moving forward.

This confusion is surrounding two separate announcements that appear to have become muddled.

They are as follows:

1. Summer holiday provisions.
2. 1 billion pounds catch up programme.

Schools are able to interpret these announcements based on an individual basis. Firstly, I would like to address the summer holidays provision. Schools are not expected to offer a catch up program during the holidays. Schools are not expected to be open during the summer holidays. The Local Authority will run a summer holiday provision that might well be in local schools but they will not be run by school staff. As soon as Waltham forest publish more information I will share this with parents but would like to clarify that Chase Lane will be closed.

The second point is about the 1 billion pound catch up scheme. Again this is for schools to decide how to best use but please be aware that this is not a summer holiday fund. This is for schools to utilise next academic year (from September). Full details of this are still to come.

This week we have been making plans for September as best we can. This is presuming that we are back to normal which I very much hope that we are. I am very conscious of the fact that if children don't know who their teacher is for next year this will inevitably cause them significant stress and anxiety during the school holidays. The Department for Education states that schools can now open to children from any year group as long as it is safe to do so. At Chase Lane we are able to achieve this on a rotational basis. We are working on the detail of this and in consultation with the Local Authority but our aim is to invite every child in for one or two sessions to meet with their new teacher before the end of term. It is for this very reason, that I would like you to keep the last week of term completely free from the 13th July to the 17th July so that your child is able to attend. I must point out that attendance is not compulsory but I do thoroughly recommend it for children's mental well-being.



Whatever provision we are able to provide, please be reassured that the vulnerable group and key worker children can still come in. Further details will be provided next week on how we can get all children in to school.

Attendance has increased again this week, peaking at 147 children. It is great to see the children still accessing teaching and enjoying it at the same time. Those staying at home continue to engage with their online learning so keep up the great work. This week's results can be seen below.

	WB 20/04 Avg	WB 27/04 Avg	WB 04/05 Avg	WB 11/05 Avg	WB 18/05 Avg	WB 25/05 Avg	WB 01/06 Avg	WB 08/06 Avg	WB 15/06 Avg
Reception		36%	45%	49%	58%	43%	50%	50%	37%
Year 1	65%	67%	70%	73%	73%	61%	67%	69%	63%
Year 2	59%	60%	67%	70%	68%	60%	60%	65%	60%
Year 3	50%	55%	57%	63%	61%	43%	57%	59%	60%
Year 4	57%	57%	67%	64%	59%	48%	52%	59%	53%
Year 5	49%	53%	59%	61%	61%	46%	54%	57%	56%
Year 6	43%	51%	54%	61%	53%	39%	44%	43%	43%

Year 6 please remember to book this date and time in your diaries **9:30am Wednesday 15th July**. We would like to invite all year 6 and their parents to a very special socially distanced assembly on the field!

Usually at this time of year, parents start ordering and thinking about uniform for next year. Please be reminded that uniform can be ordered from now, via the school's website. All uniform can be collected on Thursday 3rd September and Friday 4th September from the school office. Only uniform pre ordered can be collected as we do not have a cash facility.

Hope you all have a great weekend.

Kind regards and best of health
Mr Jeffery