



Chase Lane Primary School and Nursery Unit

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Dear Parents/Carers

I write to update you with the current advice published late on the 4th November 2020.

When lockdown started in March we were all worried with the situation and the unknown times ahead of us. Many are exhausted by all of the difficulties of this year and we continue to work hard to do everything possible so that the Chase Lane community; families, children and staff remain as safe as possible. As cases of Coronavirus continue to rise, it is more important than ever that we all continue to do our bit and follow all of the health and safety measures in place. These include following the one-way systems, wearing face coverings and socially distancing.

As you will be aware, schools are expected to continue to operate as we have been since September. This means that all of the current measures and provisions that we have in place are to continue and will not change. Please see the link below for the full guidance:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/education-and-childcare-settings-new-national-restrictions-from-5-november-2020>

Please be clear that the guidance states that children 11 and over should wear face coverings in school in communal areas. This advice only applies to secondary schools and thus does not affect Year 6 children.

Schools are now advised that visitors to the school must be restricted which means a couple of minor changes. We will not be having support from the Leyton Orient Trust for the duration of lockdown. They currently support foundation stage children with physical development over and above what the teachers and support staff already provide.

In addition, we are having to postpone all music tuition to children who learn a musical instrument in the upper school. These are only temporary measures and as soon as we can we will restart them. Those of you that have paid for music tuition will be given the option of a refund or carrying your payment over until next term.

The guidance also refers to the Clinically Extremely Vulnerable (CEV). We do not have any children who are in this group but we do have some teachers and will respect their privacy in such personal matters. This means that children in Eucalyptus and Pine class will not have their class teacher until I am guaranteed that it is safe for them to be in school. Please be reassured that this **does not** mean that they have coronavirus, it is simply a precautionary measure in line with national guidance. We currently have provision in place to ensure that



whenever possible these classes are covered by Chase Lane staff, although we cannot always guarantee this.

I politely remind you that despite lockdown, school attendance remains statutory. This means that I am unable to authorise any absence unless it falls into regular circumstances such as illness.

I look forward to working with all families as we get through this second lockdown period together. Should you have any further questions, please feel free to get in contact with me or ask any member of the Senior Leadership team when you see them before and after school on duty outside.

Finally, I ask one last favour, that is we all continue to be there for one another, albeit remotely and do everything we can to help keep each other safe and well.

Take care and stay safe.

Kind regards



Mr Jeffery

