



# Chase Lane Primary School and Nursery Unit

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Dear Parents/Carers,

This week the Prime Minister Boris Johnson announced that he hoped that schools would begin to reopen from 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021. The announcement will have left many parents confused and you're right to be. In the Prime Ministers statement, he didn't really commit to anything other than 'Hoping' schools will start to reopen. School will keep you up to date with this as soon as any further information is available but please be aware that such announcements are not made to schools first. This means that the school have to react with no advance warning each time the government makes its announcements. I understand how frustrating this is both as parent at Chase Lane and the Headteacher.

Due to the lack of real clarity, I urge you to resist taking part in online conversations about what the school will be doing in terms of reopening. At this stage it is a complete unknown. When we do know what the government expectations are, the priority will be the health and safety of staff and our families. In the meantime, if anyone has a spare Crystal Ball, I could definitely use it right now to see in to the future!

I'm very proud to see that the children are continuing to engage with online learning at such an excellent rate. The figures are excellent although there was a slight dip on Wednesday. Hazel class and Miss Thompson are setting the bar very high and a big well done to all classes achieving over 90%.

	25/01	26/01	27/01	28/01
Ash	83%	83%	83%	80%
Maple	93%	100%	93%	93%
Kapok	83%	90%	90%	90%
Hawthorn	87%	93%	90%	90%
Cherry	87%	87%	90%	93%
Cedar	97%	93%	90%	83%
Sequoia	93%	83%	93%	93%
Elm	100%	97%	97%	93%
Beech	100%	97%	100%	97%
Sycamore	100%	96%	100%	96%
Hazel	100%	100%	100%	96%
Willow	93%	90%	90%	86%
Pine	97%	93%	93%	90%
Palm	97%	100%	97%	100%
Eucalyptus	97%	97%	97%	97%
Acacia	93%	90%	93%	90%
Sassafras	96%	96%	93%	96%
Baobab	77%	90%	97%	97%
Olive	86%	89%	86%	89%
Oak	86%	89%	93%	96%
Aspen	96%	96%	96%	100%
<b>Daily Avg</b>	<b>92%</b>	<b>93%</b>	<b>89%</b>	<b>93%</b>



This week staff at Chase Lane have started the latest government initiative in schools. Staff are now asked to take a COVID-19 lateral flow test twice a week. The test is not statutory but I'm very pleased to announce that the large majority of staff are taking part. Although this will not see an end to the virus, it will continue to help us limit the spread of the virus and continue to help keep our community a little safer. Thank you to all the staff taking part.

Families who reported that they have been running out of learning resources have been able to collect extras this week from the school office. Please remember that if you require new English or Maths exercise books, you will need to bring the child's old one in for us to see that it is fully used. We also have all other resources available, including; writing pens, pencils, whiteboard pens etc. If you require any further resources but missed the opportunity to collect them, please call the school office next week and we can arrange a time for you to collect.

During the first lockdown, parent survey feedback raised the question of some sort of creative pack. It is our intention to prepare something similar that will hopefully be available to collect the week before half term. The idea will be to make the most of resources that you might have in the family home, so please start saving things that you wouldn't mind the children getting creative with e.g. kitchen rolls, cereal boxes, yoghurt pots and general clean recycling.

It has been a real pleasure this week looking at the initial results of the parental survey. Although the survey is still open it has been fantastically positive. From the 159 responses so far I can see from the additional comments made that as expected there are a variety of home learning experiences. The large number of comments that show continued support for what we are trying to achieve for the children is humbling and I thank all of you that have made such supportive comments. I particularly liked the following post:

*'I think the school have handled the whole pandemic really well and given support to families who may be struggling which is amazing. It doesn't go unnoticed the sleepless nights and personal anxieties all school staff are going through but to pick ourselves up and put the children first is a special thing. I personally believe the school is doing everything they can and trying the best to support everyone. Massive well done to you all!'*

Obviously, I have chosen a positive piece of feedback to share with you but it is genuinely the case that most additional comments were of this nature. There are a couple of common themes that are coming through which we will share with you when the survey closes. Please remember you have until Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February to complete the survey. I encourage you to take part because it really does help us make changes. For example, if it wasn't for the parental feedback in the last survey, the art packs provided in the first lockdown would never have happened. Your feedback is crucial as you are the ones at home with the children!

I will end this week's update with a second short quote from one of our parents which I know I agree with...

*'Let us pray for our lives back!'*

Take care everyone and stay safe  
Kind regards  
Mr Jeffery

