



# Chase Side Primary School

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Week Sixteen

Things seem to be a little bit more stable this week, with us all getting into a routine of remote learning or being in the vulnerable / keyworker group. Please don't put too much pressure on yourselves and your children we are all trying to do the best we can under difficult circumstances, if you can make sure that you take a break and get outside for a walk at least once a day.

I received this picture recently which I think does sum up the remote learning experience and made me laugh.



I have a few reminders of things we have already sent you information about this week:

- On a fortnightly basis we will be asking for an update related to whether families entitled to FSM would prefer, daily lunches, or a fortnightly hamper. I have been very happy with the quality and quantity of food in the hampers our catering service are provided so I will be keeping our kitchen open and sticking with these options. Please make sure you respond by the deadlines given otherwise we will think that you don't require the food and we don't want to be producing excess amounts of waste.
- Related to food hampers the Government have now changed their guidance related to Infant Universal FSM, this was that all children from Reception to Two should have been offered the food options. Now they are saying just the FSM children.
- FSM families that received an email about vouchers over Christmas break this was not a scam please redeem these voucher before February.

- At the moment we will be keeping our kitchen open so food vouchers will not be an option that we will provide.
- If at any point you think you might be entitled to FSM please contact the office and ask for the form.
- We are still having food delivered from the Felix project but this is not always every Wednesday so we will message you if it arrives.
- Attached is a flyer about a local group who are providing hot food for those in need, please pass this information to anyone who you think might need it.
- Under Government guidance we have investigated the possibility of reopening our Nursery, all families involved have been contacted and we are all set to reopen to the children who have requested it on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> January.
- We are currently looking at updating our website and there is a live website survey for you to complete so that we can find out how you would like it to be improved. This survey is open until Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> January <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/39JF76Y>.
- FOCS have been working really hard at getting computers ready for the families that requested them back in September. They need monitors, mice and keyboards to be able to complete the sets that they have and should be contacting the first 10 families in the next few days. (Big thank you to all involved).
- We still have a few laptops available for children to borrow during the lockdown, please contact the office if this is something that would help you out at this difficult time. If you have borrowed a laptop but are still not accessing the remote learning the school will be contacting you next week to check to see what the issue is.
- Today is the final day to apply for a place in Reception or Nursery for September check out the Enfield Admissions website.

A new initiative being discussed this week is the mass testing of all school based staff from 25<sup>th</sup> January, as 1 in 3 people is said to be asymptomatic, this might cause the closure of some of our keyworker and vulnerable children bubbles. Also I have received limited information about the possibility of Primary parents being asked to test their children once we are able to reopen the schools. This information has not been confirmed yet by the DFE but it is something the Government are currently discussing.

We still need to record the numbers of children who are testing positive for covid or have covid symptoms that are stopping them from accessing remote learning. If your child does have symptoms or tests positive please email [emergencies@chaseside.enfield.sch.uk](mailto:emergencies@chaseside.enfield.sch.uk). This email account is checked over the weekend.

I hear that we might be in for snow over the weekend that would be exciting but let's hope there is not too much!!

Stay safe.



Miss Melanie Scull  
Headteacher

