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Week Seventeen

There seems to have been a few national issues with Microsoft Teams over the last few days, the staff delivering live lessons are doing their best to mitigate these issues but I am aware that there has been a delay with sending recordings. I had a staff meeting online last night and I am still unable to send everyone the recording, so this is something we are all having issues with.

I'm sure that in the news you have been hearing about the new Lateral Flow Testing that will be carried out twice a week by any adult working in a Nursery or Primary School. The Lateral Flow Device test is to check to see if people are carrying the virus but are asymptomatic, as 1 in 3 people is said to be asymptomatic it could identify a wider range of positive results.

Staff that are part of the scheme will be taking the test at home on Monday and Thursday night, if they test positive or have a double void test result we will be closing the bubble that they have direct contact with and will wait for confirmation from a PCR test (one of the ones that you can have done at one of the drive through centres). If the PCR test comes back negative, then we will instantly reopen the bubble but if it comes back positive we have to ask that group to self-isolate for 10 days of the PCR test (current government guidance).

I know that this closing and reopening of bubbles can be very inconvenient for families but if we can identify asymptomatic carriers then hopefully we can reduce the spread of the virus.

This week we managed to reopen our Nursery to anyone who wanted their child to return, it was lovely to see all of the tiny people who had so much to say for themselves about what they had been up to when I went for a socially distant visit to welcome them back.

Friends of Chase Side have given the first of their donated computers to the families who requested them and we have had lots of donations of equipment to support more families getting them soon. Thank you so much to everyone involved you really are having a positive impact on the lives of our children, not just today but for their future education.

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

- 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, please remember to bring your shopping bags with you.
- 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. Today is the last day that this survey is open <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/39JF76Y>.



- FOCS will be contacting more families so that they can arrange coming to collect their reconditioned computer.
- 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.

I am aware that we are all under lockdown restrictions but 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. This email account is checked over the weekend.

Waking up in Barnet last Saturday there was a light covering of snow, sadly when I went for my afternoon walk the rain had washed it all away. I do hope that this weekend is dry so that we can all get out for a socially distant walk.

Stay safe.



Miss Melanie Scull
Headteacher

