Local Authority/Head teacher Reps meeting Re: Covid19 – Summary notes (8.7.20)

Attendance – T.Theodoulou , V.McInerney, D.Smart, S.Tripp, P.Nathan, S.Fryer, J.Fear, L.Nutt.

1. Phase 4 - Extended opening - Week 6

- i) 6110 children (10.6% of all pupils from a 60% data return from schools) now in school with some schools having other year groups in school such as Years 2 & 5 (though often space and staff dependent).
- ii) Key Worker and vulnerable pupils (with social worker) are being included in the core year groups, therefore a skewed picture emerges where schools do not appear to be open for those groups.
- iii) Some schools will close year groups next week to undertake transition work.

Action: JF to send info to TT re: attendance in Enfield schools.

2. Questions/concerns raised by headteachers

None raised from primary and special schools. PN had attended the secondary heads' meeting and answered any queries that had been raised.

3. Returning to school

- i) Under 18 transport. LBE has been asked to conduct a survey. Concerns were shared about parental response if a survey was conducted. The plan may be subject to legal challenge. Regional work is underway to determine whether a regional or local plan will be put into place.
- ii) An updated H&S risk assessment template has not yet been circulated. It will be ready soon. Most schools have already undertaken their risk assessments. H&S team will look at any risk assessment from a school whatever template they have used. H&S will check that schools have covered all angles in their risk assessments. TT checked with all heads about process and use. Heads were positive about the previous template.
- iii) No clear union position on opening plans yet. It was reported by heads that most staff have accepted that they will return to work in September. The only potential problem will be shielding, which may stop in August.
- iv) Behaviour advice note has gone out. Schools should use their own behaviour polices in order to support children and young people to access learning. This can include time in another setting / partner school if that is the usual process. There is a strong offer from REACH and Orchardside. If a child persistently puts themselves and others at risk, they may be sent home and access supervised learning off site. A re-integration plan must be in place as this is not a long term solution. Supplementary guidance being worked out by schools in three tiers.
- v) Education staff will start school visits in September and will have a protocol for that.
- vi) SEN dispensations are coming to an end. ECHP requirements must be in place by 25th Sept.

Action: PN to follow up the H&S template

PN / LN will discuss visit protocol for Education Service staff for autumn term at the August meeting.

4. Summer provision tutoring fund

i) PN – no further info. EEF have produced good practice guide about catch up.

Action: PN will send out any guidance when it is available.

5. Localised cases of CV19

- i) A special school had a member of staff test positive.
- ii) HT put into action their contingency plan and was described as having behaved impeccably; PHE involved, and they are satisfied with all actions.
- iii) Staff had contacted their unions with concerns.
- iv) Head has closed school for a deep clean.
- v) As this staff member had worked in several bubbles, some staff members felt the school should close for 14 days which would not be in line with advice.
- vi) Any isolation is counted as 14 days from last contact. Therefore, if a staff member or pupils was absent for a week prior to the positive test, only seven days in isolation will be needed.
- vii) If the person was asymptomatic despite the positive test only 48 hours of self-isolation are needed.

Action: PN to seek permission to anonymise and share the chronology of actions as an example of good practice

6. Local contingency plans

- i) Last week there were only ten new infections for June in the whole borough. Yesterday two new infections in schools have been reported. LBE is monitoring this situation.
- ii) Guidance to support the schools' contingency plans will be issued for schools. TT outlined the process. Enfield PH are developing guidance for the protocol around notifying the borough and any other appropriate authorities.
- iii) The two local cases of staff being CV19 positive have highlighted the need for staff for social distancing, and other control measures. IE washing hands, social distancing and reducing time together outside class.
- iv) Process of notifying education will be built into the guidance.

Action: TT and PN to issue this guidance ASAP. (Heads agreed that it did not come back to this group.)

JF to approach helpdesk re: script for staff if queries were received from anxious parents.

7. Computers for Schools

i) These are now arriving directly to schools for Year 10 disadvantaged pupils.

8. AOB

i) LBE was asked to "use all levers" to persuade the Government to abandon league tables in the next academic year.

Next meeting – 15th July at 2.30 pm (change of time by agreement of all present.)
Agreed to meet before the start of autumn term. Wednesday 26th August at 1pm

SF will send apologies. A member of her team will attend.

AGENDA

Stage 4 - week 7 update
 Questions/concerns raised by

headteachers

3. Returning to school.

4. Summer provision/Tutoring fund

5. September 2020

6. Vulnerable pupils update

7. SEND

8. PPE & Testing

9. Computers for schools

10. AOB

11. DONM