**Local Authority/Head Teacher Reps’ meeting**

**Re: Covid19 – Summary notes (6.11.20)**

**Attendance** – V.McInerny D.Smart, J.Carrick, S.Fryer, J.Fear, L.Nutt,

**Apologies** - Tony Theodoulou, P.Nathan,

1. **COVID Update and Return to school Issues**
* **Schools with Covid cases –** SF updated on the list of current cases.
* **COVID incident reporting –** Enfield schools should continue to report incidents as they have been doing. Updated guidance was provided over the half term by PN on behalf of the LCRC with regards to reporting the incidents to them, and it is up to schools whether they phone the DfE helpline since they are otherwise to report cases in their daily reporting.
* **Mask wearing –** the guidance has been updated again, and whilst there are some changes it is still the case that pupils should not be excluded for not wearing a mask. When asked about staff wearing masks, most staff are being encouraged to wear masks in communal areas. If they do not have one then spares are available if they are forgotten/lost (the disposable type), but the general expectation is that staff bring their own, unless they are required as PPE.
* **School Attendance** – schools are now responding well to the DfE survey. Attendance level is at 88% across 111 settings (inc independent).
* **Staff absence** – Obviously schools are being stretched by both self-isolation and the changes to Clinically Extremely Vulnerable (CEV) for the coming month. Schools are asked to contact jo.fear@enfield.gov.uk if they feel that they may need to revert to blended learning for any children due to staffing issues, and the LA can take this up with the DfE for support. St Michael’s test centre is available for school personnel and their households as a priority if they require a Covid test.
* **Exclusions –** there has been a considerable rise in referrals so Mervin Cato is setting up meetings with schools to support. It is to be noted that there has been updated guidance on exclusions issued. In primary, after the initial period when the children came back where they were following rules, their concerns seem to be coming out as anxiety and bad behaviour.
* **Current Enfield COVID position –** As of 5th Nov the rate in Enfield was 140 per 100,000, which is the highest in North and Central London
* **PPE –** no concerns raised, and emergency stocks are available if needed.
* **Transport –** no current concerns.
* **DfE feedback –** still awaiting feedback from the DfE whether SATs will take place next year
* **Ofsted** – whilst LN has been asked to update her availability for the spring term, we are still not sure that whether they will be going ahead.
* **Crowdfunding –** The council has asked whether schools would like a crowdfunding set up and if so what should it be spent on. The response was that in theory yes, please crowdfund, and will come back with further thoughts on spend. Since digital poverty is coming up frequently heads would like dongles since the wifi access if often an issue.

**Questions/Matters Raised by Schools & other issues**

* **Question about the employer portal** – some schools still had not had a response from the portal so unable to access. The advice is that St Michaels is available if you still can’t get through to the DfE Employer Portal (this is not something managed by LBE)
1. **Date of Next Meeting** – 20th November 9.30 am

**Proposed agenda**

1. Welcome, apologies
2. Actions from previous meeting
3. Covid school occurrences – actions taken and lessons learned.
4. Questions/matters raised by schools
5. PPE
6. Transport update
7. School attendance
8. DfE updates – other related issues including HR issues
9. Current COVID situation
10. Crowdfunding suggestions
11. AOB