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

**Summary Notes 11.12.20**

**Attendance** – V.McInerney, D.Smart, J. Carrick, P.Nathan, S.Fryer , J.Fear

1. **Apologies**

No apologies.

1. **COVID Update**

* Along with other London LA’s, the overall infection rate in Enfield is rising. London LAs are likely to have to introduce lateral flow tests and colleagues discussed how this might happen in Enfield. Testing of secondary age students was being suggested but concerns were raised about the possible additional costs and pressure in relation to tracing that both schools and LA could experience. This could be introduced in a few secondaries and then rolled out to other schools. Tony advised colleagues that there were pilots running in Kingston and Hammersmith and Fulham and it was agreed to try and get feedback about the process. Tony asked if secondary colleagues could provide any comments about lateral flow testing of their pupils through Vin.
* A number of schools have had to switch to remote learning because of staff shortage. Many will be putting an INSET day in place for the last day of term.
* The Government is intending to reduce the period of self-isolation from 14 to 10 days wef 14.12.20.
* Concerns were raised about the number of children and young people in the Town area, particularly around the rides. Many were not practicing social distancing. Tony agreed to pick this up with colleagues.
* Winter Hardship Fund.The first batch of vouchers would be going out through paypoint today, with the remaining payments being sent on Monday.
* No issues were reported in relation to PPE and transport.
* The form for claiming additional expenditure incurred due to the pandemic was now available. The deadline for submission is 22nd December. Colleagues were encouraged to make a claim.

1. **Updates from the LA**

* Peter reported that the GDPR service will continue with the same staff until the end of March.
* Public Health colleagues will be attending the HT briefing on 15.12.20
* Ofsted has confirmed that graded visits will not take place until the Summer Term. Outstanding schools will be on a 6 year rolling programme of inspection. R.I. schools will be able to request an inspection.
* Tony reported that the LA would be meeting unions on 16th December. Any issues Heads would like to raise should be fed back to him asap.
* Schools will shortly be receiving a consultation document in relation to the admissions arrangements in Enfield and the reduction of the PANs for 5 schools in the Borough.

1. **Date of Next Meeting**

It was agreed that the HT rep meetings would be held weekly in January, with a start time of 10.30. The next meeting will be on Friday, 8th January 2021.

**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. DfE updates – other related issues including HR issues
8. Current COVID situation
9. AOB