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

**Summary Notes 11.12.20**

**Attendance** – V.McInerney, D.Smart, C.Fox, T.Theodoulou, P.Nathan, S.Fryer , J.Fear

1. **Apologies**

No apologies.

1. **COVID Update**

* TT updated on the Enfield COVID position – cases are over 1,200 per 100K which is 6th highest in the country: hospitals are at full capacity: death rates are at average levels.
* Community testing centres are available for staff and pupils to use – at least 10 schools are making use of them currently.
* High levels of anxiety in schools amongst staff and school community
* Secondary schools have concerns about costs of testing – funding is clearly not sufficient to cover costs (**PN to raise with DfE).** Some schools are having difficulties recruiting staff so are not ready to start testing. The workforce planner to support schools and with a potential guide to costs a school can reclaim has been taken off the DfE website **(PN to raise with DfE).** Are schools insured if there is an accident with testing?
* Guidance re school nurseries is different to rest of a primary school – PN noted that health and safety legislation is a must and if there is a concern in nurseries due to high staff ratios, then health and safety guidance comes first. This may mean a limit on numbers.
* Primary school numbers are much higher than in the first lockdown – over 150 pupils in one school for example. One school has limited numbers to 25% of overall school roll. There is a difficulty for teachers – teaching a class and providing remote learning at the same time. Should there be a key worker hierarchy with health workers at the top? Noted government advice to key workers to only use a school place if they really need to.
* Special Schools are opening in a staged way as all pupils are expected to return (subject to health and safety overview and risk assessments). CF noted that school transport services have been excellent as has the central support.
* Noted that the OFSTED threat from the government was not welcomed by schools.
* 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.
* **LN will reissue remote learning guidance expectations to schools – this will need to be updated with governments expected time allocations**
* **Schools will need to ensure staff have a DSE assessment as the lockdown will be for at least 6 weeks.** The borough health and safety team is sending out guidance to schools that buy in to H & S and community schools.
* Schools may need a DSE budget for example for chairs, free eye tests and staff will need regular breaks etc.
* A new lengthy daily attendance return has been sent to all schools by the DfE.

1. **Updates from the LA**

* NEXUS will be providing focused TA training over the next two terms to be advertised shortly.
* SEND – the DfE have indicated that there is no intention to suspend any SEND regulations during this lockdown period

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, 15th January 2021.

**Proposed agenda**

1. Welcome, apologies
2. Actions from previous meeting
3. Current lockdown updates
4. Local update on Testing, Vaccinations and local data.
5. Covid school occurrences update.
6. Questions/matters raised by schools
7. PPE
8. Transport update
9. DfE updates – other related issues including HR issues
10. AOB