

Headteacher COVID update meetings

4 November 2020



Agenda:

- Public Health Update
- School management of COVID
 - What we know now
 - Next steps
- Food Provision and Free School Meals
- Stay Safe Champions
- Your questions



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What we know as of now;

- “New National Restrictions from 5 November” published evening of Saturday 31/10 following PM’s speech include;
 - “The Government will continue to prioritise the wellbeing and long-term futures of our young people and **will not be closing schools, colleges or universities**”.
 - “The Prime Minister and Education Secretary have been clear that **exams will go ahead next summer**, as they are the fairest and most accurate way to measure a pupil’s attainment”
 - Revised guidance re Clinically Extremely Vulnerable (CEV) “advising the CEV to work from home. **If you cannot work from home, you are advised not to go to work**”



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Next steps

- Further DfE update promised by Thursday 5 November to include more detailed guidance on;
 - clinically extremely vulnerable children, young people and staff
 - the use of face coverings in education settings
 - educational trips
- Updated local guidance asap after this is received
- Updated Individual Risk Assessment form to be provided inc. advice re pregnant workers, clinically vulnerable and those living with extremely clinically vulnerable
- TfL confirmed - under 18 free travel arrangements to stay until at least April 2021



Food Provision and Free School Meals

- School kitchens should remain open, normal legal requirements apply regarding the provision of food to all pupils who want it
- Children eligible for benefits-related free school meals when self-isolating due to coronavirus (COVID-19) should be offered meals or food parcels which meet the [school food standards](#).
- These can be offered on a daily or weekly basis and be collected or delivered to the child's home
- Meals should be distributed in line with guidance on social distancing
- The Council will be working on options for provision of FSM at the end of Autumn term



Stay Safe Champions

- Issue highlighted by schools of poor social distancing among parents and carers at pick-up and drop off from school
- Stay Safe Champions are a small team provide information, guidance and reassurance to the community on COVID regulations
- Available around the borough, engaging with residents to provide friendly advice on topics such as social distancing and wearing of face coverings.
- Email amber.harris@walthamforest.gov.uk to arrange support that meets your school needs



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Your questions and issues;

- Funding gap – additional staff cover costs
- Lost income
- Breakfast and after school clubs
- Music tuition
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