

Dear parents

As always, I genuinely hope that you and your family are safe and well!!

You will have, no doubt, heard by now that schools are fully opening to all students from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021. This includes us. Therefore; all pupils\* are expected back in school at 0845 on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March. The Government have made it clear that this is mandatory for all pupils and statutory action will commence with those parents refusing to send their pupils in. Of course, this will not be the case where we have discussed this with you and put in place a different arrangement for your child.

Back in September I sent you our conduct expectations for pupils when they come into school. I have attached another copy for you to please read through and talk through with your child. The main difference is that face coverings are now mandatory at all times other than whilst eating/drinking, during PE lessons or if your child is exempt from wearing one. If you believe that your child is exempt from wearing a covering, please contact me ([headteacher@chaseleapru.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@chaseleapru.staffs.sch.uk)) and let me know why this is the case.

We will be keeping work on our Google Classroom platform so that any child who is shielding, isolating, or absent from school can still access work. Any laptops that we have loaned out at this time will remain with you until further notice.

I have been conducting Covid testing on staff twice a week for a couple of months now. This will continue for the foreseeable future. You will have heard that all pupils will be tested before coming into school and will then be conducting the testing themselves at home. At the time of writing this to you, this is **not** the case for Chaselea. Due to our alternative provision/special school status I am not proposing that we conduct testing on our pupils. Of course, this may change and I may be directed to begin this process. If that does happen then I will contact you immediately.

Please contact one of us here at school if you have any concerns or worries. The welfare calls from Mrs Avery and Mr Gonzalez-Fritz will continue for the next two weeks, so please discuss any issues with them if you want to.

As a reminder, the Easter holidays begin on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2021. We have an INSET day on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April so your child's last day of term will be Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021.

It goes without saying that these continue to be worrying times for all of us! I am extremely proud of the work and efforts that staff have been displaying; and I am so grateful for your support as we look towards the best outcomes possible for your child.

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Stay safe and well, and I will be in contact in the near future.

Yours sincerely

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\*Those pupils whose education is provided by an alternative provider will follow their specific arrangements for returning. Also, those pupils who are currently on a managed move to a mainstream setting will follow their arrangements for returning to school.



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