



Chesnut Lodge School and Specialist SEN College

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you have all managed to have a good Christmas and New Year and have managed to keep safe and well over the festive period. Following the Government announcements this week regarding school openings, I just wanted to clarify the arrangements for Chesnut Lodge School for Monday 4th January 2021.

All Primary students, mainstream and SEN are expected to attend as usual provided they are fit and well and not self-isolating or displaying any of the key Covid-19 symptoms:

A new continuous cough

A high temperature (fever)

A loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

NB For fevers, the NHS advice is to look for a high temperature – ‘this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back; you do not need to measure your temperature’.

As all of our Secondary Phase students have an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP), they are also expected to attend provided they are fit and well and not self-isolating or displaying any Covid-19 symptoms.

The Local Authority are currently drawing up plans to support all of their schools with provision for Secondary age students in rolling out the Lateral Flow Tests. I will ensure that you are kept fully informed of how this is going to be implemented at Chesnut Lodge as soon as the plans have been finalised.

If you have any questions or concerns which you would like to discuss, please contact me via the school website or parent app.

We look forward to welcoming our students back next week.

Kind regards

Mrs H Austin