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LAYSTON C of E FIRST SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Website

We hope you've all had the opportunity to watch the meet the teacher videos which accompany the year group autumn term booklet. These can be found under 'Home, September 2020'. There will be videos of each classes' Harvest performance and a message from Reverend Ian Hill for you to enjoy over half term. We would like to thank you in advance for your financial donations to the Buntingford Food bank. Mrs Betley would also like to bring to your attention some new and hopefully useful mental health and well-being information on the school website.

Home learning

Should you need to access home learning your first port of call will be the school website (except YR who use Tapestry). This can be accessed via Parents, Home Learning and clicking on your child's year group. Here you will find useful links, videos and home learning packs. Should you need paper copies please contact the school office.

Staffing news

We are delighted to announce the appointment of our new Midday Supervisor Assistants Miss Victoria Mills and Mrs Kate Payne. They will be joining the team after half term.

Social distancing

Thank you to all our parents and carers who are following the guidelines when dropping off or collecting children from school. **It is really important that everyone remembers to stay 2m apart when queuing along The Causeway and in the playground. Each household should be 2m apart from any other household. This also applies when speaking to a member of staff. A reminder that any necessary conversations with members of staff should be brief and socially distanced.**

If your child tests positive for coronavirus at any point during half-term, please notify us as soon as possible so we can complete the relevant tracking and tracing process with public health and notify any other children or staff who have been close contacts and need to self-isolate. During half-term you should contact admin@layston.herts.sch.uk. Please don't call the school office as this won't be covered during half-term.

Remember as soon as your child or any member of your household develops symptoms, they must start self-isolating immediately and book a test.





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Main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- A high temperature
- A new, continuous cough - this means coughing a lot, for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- A loss or change to sense of smell or taste - this means they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

If you're not sure whether symptoms suggest that they have coronavirus or an everyday cough or cold, you can consult this online NHS symptom checker: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>

Please do not send your children back to school if any of the following apply:

- They have symptoms of COVID-19
- They, any members of your household, or any close contacts (including extended family or friends they have seen and bubbles at half-term activities and sports clubs) have tested positive for COVID-19
- They haven't completed the full 14 day isolation period requested

If you or your family are affected by COVID-19 and need support locally with things like shopping, getting medication or financial advice, visit: www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/coronavirus

I wish you all an enjoyable half term break and I look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Monday 2nd November.

Best wishes
Adele McMurrough
Headteacher