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Dear Parents and Carers

**Important information please read:**

**The email address to use to notify us of a positive Covid case during the Christmas break is [covid@layston.herts.sch.uk](mailto:covid@layston.herts.sch.uk).**

**Covid testing during the Christmas holiday period.**

If your child tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) at any point during the Christmas break, please notify us as soon as possible so we can complete the relevant tracking and tracing process with public health, if required, and notify any other children or staff who have been close contacts and who need to self-isolate.

*During the holidays you should contact [covid@layston.herts.sch.uk](mailto:covid@layston.herts.sch.uk) - this will only be monitored until Christmas Eve as after this point your child/ren shouldn't be a close contact of anyone at the school. Please don't call the normal absence line as this won't be covered during Christmas break.*

**Remember as soon as your child or any member of your household develops symptoms, you must all start self-isolating immediately and book a test regardless of it being Christmas.**

**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 COVID-19 or an everyday cough or cold, you can consult this online NHS symptom checker:*

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>





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

- they have symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19)
- they, any members of your household, or any close contacts (including extended family or friends they have seen and bubbles at holiday activities and sports clubs) have tested positive for COVID-19
- they haven't completed the full 10 day isolation period requested

Self-isolating is one of the most important things we can all do to help stop the spread of the virus and protect our loved ones and the vulnerable. You can read our helpful self-isolating guide at: [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/selfisolatingguide](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/selfisolatingguide)

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](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/coronavirus)

Best wishes  
Adele McMurrough  
Headteacher

