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Dear Parents and Carers

A huge thank you to everyone for supporting us with Mad May hair! There were some crazy and very imaginative designs around school today. A big well done for taking part and donating - we are very grateful.

**Goodbye:**

Today we say thank you and goodbye to Mrs Dettmar who has been covering Mrs Woolford's maternity leave in the office for the past year and throughout the COVID crisis. She will be greatly missed and we wish her every success for the future. We look forward to welcoming Mrs Woolford back to the office on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May.

**Mental Health Awareness Week:**

As part of Mental Health Awareness week, the Government has announced more than £17 million to build on mental health support already available in education settings, as it continues to prioritise wellbeing alongside academic recovery. As parents and teachers we want our children to feel settled, calm and happy in order for them to learn. In school we will be continuing with outdoor learning and connection with nature and encouraging children to consider their support networks.

**Changes in line with new government guidance:**

There are very few changes to the school risk assessment. We are still expected to preserve the class bubbles, maintain staggered breaks and lunchtimes and maintain 2m distancing between adults in school. However we can now enter the school playground without a face covering. As always once you have collected your child we ask that you leave the site promptly to avoid gathering at the school gates. If you wish to speak with your child's class teacher please make an appointment by phoning or emailing the school office.

**School Census Day:**

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> May is School Census day and we want to try and encourage all children eligible for Universal Infant Free School Meals to have a school meal on that day as this will increase the amount of funding the school will receive. A letter was sent out earlier in the week with more details about menu choices. Thank you for your support.

**Governor Vacancies:**

We currently have vacancies for Parent Governors on the Governing Body. If you are interested in becoming a Governor or would like to know more, please contact the school office on [admin@layston.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@layston.herts.sch.uk)





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**Covid 19:**

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

- a high temperature (37.8 deg C or more)
- 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 your child is attending school please do not send children in to school if any of the following apply:**

- they have symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19)
- they, or any members of your household, have tested positive for COVID-19
- they have been in close contact with someone who tests positive for COVID-19
- they are required to quarantine having recently visited countries outside the common travel area
- they have been advised to isolate by NHS test and trace or the PHE local health protection team and provide details of anyone they have been in close contact with, if they test positive for COVID-19 or if asked by NHS Test and Trace
- 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)

Have an enjoyable weekend.

Best wishes

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