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Dear Parents and Carers

Buildings upgrade:

The school will be undergoing major window replacement works over the two weeks beginning Monday 21st June. This means that we will lose the use of the lower part of the staff car park, since the contractors need this area for access and storage of their materials. Consequently many of the school staff will need to park on the surrounding streets.

If you are able to walk to school rather than drive for those 2 weeks we would strongly recommend you do so. If you need to drive to school please park considerately and continue to observe the No Parking restrictions. However it is likely you will need to park further from the school and adjust your journey time accordingly.

We apologise for any inconvenience caused and we thank you in advance for your continued support in improving our school. Please be assured that all measures will be taken to ensure that the school is safe for pupils and staff and will continue to be fully operational as normal. We will be getting regular updates from the contractors so that we are able to put safer working measures in place if needed.

Welcome back:

This week we were delighted to welcome back Mrs Woolford to the school office.

Safeguarding:

To ensure that all messages regarding change of collection arrangements are picked up and passed on to the class teacher please can we ask you to contact the office **before 2:00pm on the day**. If this is someone who has not collected before we will need a photo and /or password. In the event of a last minute change of arrangements, after 2:30pm, then please call the office rather than email to ensure these requests are actioned. Our local PCSO's continues to support our school on patrol before and after school to help keep everyone safe. If you do believe you have witnessed someone behaving suspiciously, please report it to us:

- If you believe a crime is in progress, or someone is in danger, dial 999.
- You can also report information online at herts.police.uk/report, speak to an operator in our Force Communications Room via our online web chat at herts.police.uk/contact or call the non-emergency number 101.
- Alternatively, you can stay 100% anonymous by contacting the independent charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or via their untraceable online form at crimestoppers-uk.org.





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Staggered drop off/pick up:

It has been so lovely to see everyone's faces again! We would like to thank you for continuing to respect the social distancing even without masks. Whilst this is a small step towards 'normality' we would like to highlight that the Government are still requiring schools to maintain bubbles and therefore continue with staggered starts and ends to the day. The learning time lost is kept to a minimum. Learning time is made up throughout the school day with slightly shorter lunches and KS1 children are not currently having an afternoon break as they normally would. The staggered drop off and pick up will be reviewed and changed as soon as Government guidance allows.

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 at admin@layston.herts.sch.uk by Wednesday 26th May to collect a nomination form which will need to be completed and returned to the office by Monday 7th June.

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

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes
Adele McMurrough
Headteacher

