



*Loving to learn, Learning to love.  
For every child a chance to shine*



**LAYSTON C of E FIRST SCHOOL**

The Causeway, Buntingford, Herts. SG9 9EU  
Tel: 01763 271235 Email: [admin@layston.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@layston.herts.sch.uk)

**Interim Head Teacher: Mrs B Young**

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a lovely week at school, a real delight popping into classes and seeing the children all settled into their learning. They are a real credit to you!

**Covid update:**

Sadly however, as of today, we have officially returned into the school being designated as having a 'Covid breakout'. We now have at least 5 known live cases. This means that we shall need to return to more formal drop off and collections arrangements. Therefore, as of Monday, we shall be reinstating the zoned areas for each class, to ensure safer social distancing. We will not however, at this time, be reintroducing staggered pick up and drop offs. Can we please ask again that you to remember to wear your face masks to help keep everyone safe and to stop the virus from spreading easily. Classes will remain in bubbles. In all other respects, we will be working hard to keep daily life for the children as normal as possible.

**Changes to the self-isolation period for those who test positive for COVID-19**

From Monday 17 January, people who are self-isolating with COVID-19 will have the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative with a lateral flow device (LFD) test on both day 5 and day 6 and they do not have a temperature. For example, if they test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to their education or childcare setting immediately on day 6.

The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken the following day. All test results should be reported to NHS Test and Trace.

If the result of either of their tests is positive, they should continue to self-isolate until they get negative results from two LFD tests on consecutive days or until they have completed 10 full days of self-isolation, whichever is earliest.

Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests or anyone who continues to have a temperature will need to complete the full 10 day period of self-isolation.

**If your child becomes unwell for whatever reason and is unable to attend school, please can you call the school office before 9am. Thank you.**

**Cold weather:**

As temperatures have dropped please ensure your child has appropriate layers, a school coat, hat and gloves, all named.

**School Values:**

Attached to this letter is a copy of our latest Schools Value information booklet on Wisdom that we will be following this term. We hope that you enjoy sharing it with your children at home.

Best wishes,  
Barbara Young

