



Headteacher: Mr Jonathan Clucas

Tuesday 5th January 2021

Coronavirus and wider school update

Dear Parents and Carers,

I do hope this letter finds all our school community well and all our families are dealing with the current, recently changed and difficult situation as best as we can. So many changes in such a short space of time, and subsequently managing this situation, will I know have been extremely difficult for many of our families. Responding to rapid changes of planning has similarly been difficult for the school; we are organising different provision at short notice. Can I thank you for your patience at this time.

As you are aware, due to the COVID-19 pandemic the Department for Education has requested (yesterday evening) that we ensure provision for critical and key workers responding to the COVID-19 pandemic, and also to children who may be vulnerable. We are once again working in a highly unusual situation. The government advice is now to stay at home, except for very limited purposes. Maintaining social distancing is a key part of current government advice. It is vital that in order to do this, and keep our community safe, we must keep the number of children, staff and adults in school to a manageable and safe level.

For those children that are attending school, **provision will be educational and will mirror the work provided for those learning remotely**, and we would request that children wear school uniform whilst they attend school.

To date, nearly one hundred and thirty children have applied for a place, and we are able to offer provision for the vast majority of requests, though not all. **All other children will be expected to access and work remotely. Initially for this week and next, this will be in paper format whilst we organise remote learning via ipads. A letter will come out to all parents shortly regarding this. Parents will be able to collect home learning packs from tomorrow. Further details to follow.**

For those parents who have requested a place in school at this time, please be aware, if you have not be offered a place by today, we are unable to do so at this time. We will be re-evaluating these critical worker allocations at the end of next week. If you have not been offered a place, and wish the school to re-consider where you meet the critical worker criteria above, please email - admin@layton.blackpool.sch.uk .





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We are unable to hold places for children who do not attend and take up their place; we have a waiting list and those places could be allocated to other children. Please ensure you take up the place that is offered to you each week. Whilst you may not require the full five days, we do expect you to take up that provision each week and complete the work set remotely on the days when children are not attending.

There will be a number of changes to school organisation. Please familiarise yourself with these changes; these are as follows:-

- The children will be taught in year group bubbles of no more than 20
- The children will remain in year group bubbles throughout the school day and for the duration of this period - for lessons, lunch and break
- Children will be expected to wear school uniform
- Can children please bring a water bottle. Water only please. No juice or fizzy drinks.
- No access to the school office for children or parents. Please direct enquiries to admin@layton.blackpool.sch.uk
- Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 children to enter via Lynwood or Eastwood between the times of 8.40 am and 8.55am. Please can I ask we do not all arrive at 8.40 in order to maintain social distancing. Children will be guided to their classroom by staff.
- Year 6 to enter via Eastwood gates.
- Years 3,4 and 5 to enter via Meyler Avenue
- No KS2 parents will be allowed on site in the morning
- Parents must wear a face covering. Parents will not be permitted on site without a face covering.
- KS1 finish at 3pm and KS2 finish at 3:05pm, from their normal entrances.
- Please maintain a 2 metre distance at all times on school premises.

Obviously, these changes are subject to change as we continue to evaluate our procedures. Thank you for your patience. I can only hope, as I am sure you do that we return to normality as soon as possible. Most importantly, please stay safe and well.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Jonathan Clucas
Headteacher

