



# Layton Primary School

Headteacher: Mr Jonathan Clucas

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

We now have four children who have tested positive for COVID within the last two days in Year 2. **The Delta variant is clearly significantly more transmissible.** This has implications for our school and keeping our children and community safe.

We understand many people have been vaccinated with either their first or second jab. **The vaccination does not prevent anyone from catching or spreading COVID.** The vaccine reduces the risk of serious illness. **COVID can still be spread by anyone who has been vaccinated if they have caught it.** One jab reduces the risk of serious illness by 33%. Two jabs reduces the risk by 81%. **This means 19% of the population are still at risk from serious illness after catching COVID, even after double vaccination.**

**We are taking extra precautions in school and this will affect drop off and collection time.** It is parents and carers responsibility to make themselves aware of these and adhere to them.

- **From tomorrow, Wednesday 16th June, no parent or carer will be allowed on school site without a face covering, unless you are exempt and wearing a lanyard**
- **Parents and carers who are exempt must wear a lanyard and display this clearly. You will not be allowed on site without your lanyard of face covering - without exception.**

A small number of parents have been rude and abusive to staff who have asked them to wear face coverings. This is not acceptable. Our staff are making every effort to ensure the virus is contained. This means wearing a face covering for two minutes whilst on school premises. We have zero tolerance of abuse to staff and will not hesitate to take further action if necessary to ensure this stops. **Choosing not to wear a face covering puts others at risk.**

It is essential that our school does everything to keep our community safe. This means everyone has to take responsibility for their own and others' welfare. Wearing a mask prevents 60% of virus transmission. We understand this is frustrating; it is more frustrating for children to miss out on their education by having to close bubbles for ten days and we need our children in school, every day, making the most of the outstanding education on offer; they have missed six months of in school education since the beginning of the pandemic.

Can we thank the vast majority of parents who adhere to all the safety guidelines in the interests of our school community.

We are taking these actions to help your child and other children stay safe. We take this responsibility seriously. Your co-operation is necessary and we all must work together to prevent further spread and wider bubble closures.

Yours faithfully,

Jonathan Clucas  
Head teacher

Clare Scott Catherine Rollinson  
Assistant Headteachers

Julie Barr  
DSL/SENDCO

