



# Layton Primary School

Headteacher: Mr Jonathan Clucas

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

A warm welcome back to school, to all our families and children. It will be lovely to see all our pupils again, we hope you have had a wonderful summer.

You may be aware that Gavin Williamson, the Secretary of State for Education, announced plans for very significant changes to the way COVID will be managed in schools from September.

I will outline the ways in which school will be dealing with these changes in the regulations, but we do need to remain cautious, as Blackpool currently has the 8<sup>th</sup> highest cases in the UK, at 445 cases per 100,000. Therefore, we need to remain cautious; the pandemic is not over. The school has written a risk assessment which will appear on the school website soon, you are welcome to read this.

Children in Scotland have returned to school already and cases have risen significantly following this. It is therefore reasonable that schools in England will follow suit; we expect cases of COVID in school as children are not vaccinated and will be mixing freely both in school and out.

The following procedures will be in place when school restarts on 3<sup>rd</sup> September:

1. Face coverings are recommended, though optional, on school premises. We will no longer be giving out face coverings on school site. All staff will be wearing face coverings on the playground. **If you wish to speak to a member of staff about your child, please make an appointment via the office. All conversations between staff and parents/carers require face coverings to be worn by all parties, this includes adhoc conversations at the end of the day.**
2. Staff will continue to carry out twice weekly Lateral Flow Tests whilst these are available to us.
3. Bubbles will no longer be in operation, therefore if a child or member of staff test positive through PCR test, only the person infected will be required to stay at home for 10 days.
4. If someone in your household tests positive, **there is no need currently to self-isolate, unless** you are **not** double vaccinated. Any adult over the age of 18 who is **not** double vaccinated will need to self-isolate; this information will be provided to you by track and trace. Pupils, staff and all our school community will be taking advice from Public Health England regarding self-isolation.
5. Should a member of the household test positive for COVID, we would recommend that other members in the household seek a PCR test if they display symptoms.
6. The arrangements for the beginning and end of the school day remain as they are and can be found below. **For KS2 this includes no parents coming onto the school grounds in a morning.** Gate entrances and exits will remain the same, and the ramp between KS1 and KS2 will remain closed.
7. Lunchtimes will remain staggered, at the current time we will be cautious with the movement of children within school across year groups.
8. The office will remain open between 9am-10am, please direct any queries to [admin@layton.blackpool.sch.uk](mailto:admin@layton.blackpool.sch.uk) or contact us by phone on 01253 392179. As the above, for any conversations with office staff face to face, you must wear a face covering.





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**If you are unsure of whether to isolate, Track and Trace will contact you surrounding this. If you test positive, it is still a legal requirement to isolate for 10 days.**

The symptoms of Coronavirus have not changed, these can be found on the NHS website and are: a new continuous cough, a high temperature, and a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia). A new continuous cough means coughing a lot, for more than an hour, or more than three or more coughing episodes in 24 hours. Sometimes in children, COVID can present as a bad headache and fatigue.

If your child presents with any of these symptoms, **please do not send them to school and book a PCR test.** Please continue to inform the absence line during school time, or by emailing [covid@layton.blackpool.sch.uk](mailto:covid@layton.blackpool.sch.uk) out of school time.

A reminder of our school day times are below:

Year Group	Entrance/Exit	Start and Finish Times
Foundation	Use Lynwood Gates ONLY to enter the one way system. Enter/Exit at end of day through classroom doors.	Start at 8.40am and finish 3.10pm
Year 1	Use Lynwood or Eastwood Gates ONLY. Enter/Exit via classroom doors.	Start at 8.40am and finish at 3.15pm
Year 2	Use the Lynwood or Eastwood Gates ONLY. Enter/Exit via classroom doors.	Start at 8.40am and finish at 3.15pm
Year 3	Use the Meyler Gates ONLY. Pupils will enter through the doors to the left of reception doors to access class. Collect your child from the KS2 playground.	Start at 8.40am and finish at 3.10pm.
Year 4	Use the Meyler Gates ONLY. Pupils will enter through the doors <b>next to</b> the dining room. Collect your child from the KS2 playground.	Start at 8.40am and finish at 3.15pm.
Year 5	Use the Meyler Gates ONLY. Pupils enter through the dining room doors. Collect your child from the KS2 playground.	Start at 8.40am and finish at 3.20pm.
Year 6	<b>Enter via the Eastwood or Lynwood Gates ONLY.</b> 6H enter through doors by Year 2 class/directly opposite the Eastwood Gate. 6M & 6D enter through the classroom doors. Pupils will exit the same way and that is where you meet your child.	Start at 8.40am and finish at 3.20pm.

We will still need to do what we can to keep all our children and school community safe, and will do all we can within the guidelines to do so. Please rest assured we shall be following public health guidance, cases will rise but school will remain open. If we have a significant number of cases at any one time, we will have to contact health officials and it may be necessary to increase restrictions for a specific period, I will write out to parents if this is the case. We are very much looking forward to seeing you all on Friday and hope to enjoy a more settled year with our children.

Yours faithfully,

Jonathan Clucas  
Head teacher

