











Laygate Community School

March 2021 - Our COVID Safe Environment

I hope this information helps you understand the measures we have in place to ensure everyone remains safe and well in school. Our risk assessments are continuously reviewed and updated to comply with Government Guidance.

Action	Safeguarding measures in place
<p>Attendance</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children should wear school uniform. They should have a fresh set of clothes each day. Please ensure uniform is clearly named. • Children should wear PE kits to school on the day they have PE. Staff will let you know when this is. • If your child has a continuous cough and / or high temperature and / or loss of taste or smell they must not come to school and you have to call 111 / 119 to discuss potential testing. You must also inform the school as soon as possible • If your child has a runny nose, continuous sneezing, diarrhoea or is vomiting please keep them at home • Please let us know if your child is going to be late or has a medical appointment. Ring the school office to let us know when you are likely to arrive. Let the office staff know if you need to pick your child up early
<p>Pupil arrival (see attached letter)</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only one parent should bring the child/ family to school • Parents/ carer are encouraged to wear face coverings on site • Please say goodbye to your child on the school yard / at the gate if your child is in years 3 to 6 • Children should remain 2 metres away from other families where possible • Your child has been given a water bottle with their name on which will stay in school. It will be sterilised regularly by school staff • Children are not allowed to bring any additional items into school • Children should not wear PPE in school • No child / adult should be in school if displaying symptoms of COVID-19
<p>School staff</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Your child will be part of a key stage bubble depending on the class they are in. This could be Early Years (Nursery and Reception), Key Stage 1 (Year 1 and Year 2), Lower Key Stage 2 (Year 3, Year 3/4 and Year 4/5) and Upper Key Stage 2 (Year 5 and both Year 6 classes). Staff are allocated to these bubbles to minimise contact with different people. • Staff will communicate with parents via telephone or email as no parents are allowed in the school building unless by prior appointment. • If you need to speak with school staff please ring the office to make an appointment • Staff will have access to appropriate PPE when required (eg First aid / symptomatic child) • Staff are involved in lateral flow testing twice each week
<p>The classroom</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Windows and fire exit doors will wherever possible, remain open for ventilation • Some of our hard to clean resources such as sand and soft furnishings have been removed • Surfaces in the classroom will be wiped down regularly and resources children have been using cleaned with detergent and anti-viral cleansers

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The classroom will be cleaned daily • Children will be encouraged to maintain social distancing when moving around the building but they will mix with other children in their “bubble” at playtimes and lunchtimes • There are some new “routines” such as regular Handwashing and “keeping in the Bubble” in place
Behaviour 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We know that some children will be unsettled at first and so we will be carrying out activities to support their emotional health and wellbeing • We will look out for any signs of distress and would ask you to let us know if you have noticed any changes in their behaviour at home • We want children to feel safe but we don’t want them to feel anxious so any new rules or behaviour expectations will be reinforced in a positive and “playful” manner. We’d ask you to try to do the same • Our simple rules revolve around being kind and considering others • We will let you know what the children are doing well and, if there is anything they need to do in a safer or more positive way we will work with you to help them do that
Break times 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children will wash their hands before and after any break and lunch time • Children will stay in their “Bubbles” and not mix with children from other Bubbles • They will have good daily access to outdoor learning as that is where young children learn best and the risk of infection is much lower. • Children from Nursery to Year 2 will have “fruit for schools” snacks once the scheme has started up again
Lunch times 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children will wash their hands before and after lunch • Allocated Lunchtime Supervisors and our Teaching Assistants will look after the children in the dining hall and for lunch time play • Lunchtimes are staggered to avoid different bubbles mixing • Packed lunch boxes are allowed in school as normal
First aid / child with symptoms 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have designated first aiders and Paediatric first aiders who will wear appropriate PPE if needed when dealing with a child • If your child develops symptoms during the day they will be isolated from the class and monitored following social distancing guidance • You will be contacted and asked to collect them immediately • A member of staff will remain with them until they are collected • You will need to ring 111 / 119 to arrange a COVID test. If the test is positive you must inform the school and the child and family should remain in self-isolation for 14 days.
Cleaning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional cleaning measures are in place • Each “Bubble” will have all “touch points” (eg desks, light switches, door handles) wiped down regularly • Toilets will be cleaned regularly
Home time 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children will leave at different times to avoid too many leaving at once. Please try not to arrive too early to collect them. • To keep everyone safe please can you leave the school grounds as quickly as possible • Parents / carers are encouraged to wear face coverings on site
External Visitors from other agencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visitors from other agencies are permitted to come into school by appointment only • Visitors will be signed in and contact details taken and to confirm they are symptom free • Hands will be sanitised on entering and exiting the building • Social distancing guidance will be followed