



Joy Lane Primary School, Oyster Bay Nursery
& Oysters SRP (Autism)

A Love of Learning - for Life, for All

10th July 2026

Transition and New Class Arrangements

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of another successful school year, we are excited to begin preparing our children for the next stage of their learning journey at Joy Lane Primary School.

Your child will come home today knowing who their new class teacher will be as this will have been shared with them in class today; they will also have an envelope with these details in to go home with. Various transition activities have already been taking place and also next week please check your child's ClassDojo page, where you will find a social story. These activities have been carefully planned to help children feel confident, settled and excited about moving into their new class.

As a reminder:

- **Friday 17 July** will be your child's final day in their current class.
- **Monday 20 July** marks the start of our transition period, when children will move into their new classes and remain there until the end of term.

We kindly ask that you speak positively about this change with your child and reinforce that it is an exciting milestone in their school journey. Your encouragement, reassurance and enthusiasm play an important role in helping them approach this transition with confidence and resilience.

At Joy Lane Primary School, we believe that changing classes at the end of an academic year provides valuable opportunities for children to grow both academically and personally. Any class reorganisation is carefully considered and based on the professional judgement of school leaders and teaching staff, with each child's wellbeing and educational needs at the heart of every decision.

As part of this process, children are asked who they enjoy learning and playing with. While we recognise the importance of friendships, it is not always possible to accommodate every friendship group alongside the many other factors that must be taken into account. Final decisions regarding class placements are therefore made using the professional judgement of teachers and the Leadership Team, with the best interests of all children at the forefront of every decision.

A change of class can support children's learning, encourage new friendships, develop resilience and adaptability and, where appropriate, improve behaviours for learning or meet individual needs. Equally, where it is considered to be in the best interests of the children, classes may remain unchanged. The school also reserves the right to consider individual circumstances when deciding whether pupils should remain together or be placed in different classes.



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The organisation of classes is the responsibility of the Executive Headteacher and Leadership Team. Each year, the whole-school structure is carefully reviewed, taking into account year group numbers, staffing, class sizes and continuity of learning.

Where classes are reorganised, a range of factors is considered, including:

- each child's wellbeing and learning needs
- academic progress and attainment
- behaviours for learning
- maturity and independence
- friendships and effective learning groups

During our annual transition period in Term 6, children spend time with their new classmates and teacher, take part in a range of transition activities and begin to build positive relationships within their new class.

Throughout the process, staff provide reassurance and support to ensure that every child feels happy, confident and ready for the new academic year.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership. By working together, we can ensure that this transition is a positive, reassuring and exciting experience for every child.

Yours sincerely

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