



Joy Lane Primary School

A Love of Learning, for Life, for All

Oyster Bay Nursery & Oysters SRP (ASD)

Executive Headteacher: Ms DJ Hines

Head of School: Mr M Ashley-Jones

Tuesday 30th November 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Staff Absence

We are experiencing a high level of staff absence due to adults having to self-isolate and illness. Due to this, with immediate effect, we are cancelling all extra-curricular clubs as we do not have sufficient adults to support the children.

Tuesday

Construction Club for Years 1 & 2

Running and Fitness for Years 3, 4, 5 & 6

Fitness Years 1 & 2

Squad Football in Years 5 & 6

Thursday

Sewing Club for Years 3 & 4

Choir for Years 1 to 6

Football for Years 3, 4, 5 & 6

School Lunches

We are having to vary our menu options for the rest of the week, as we do not have sufficient trained staff in our kitchen to prepare the whole menu. However, we do have sufficient staff with the Food Hygiene certificate to serve the children. Instead of Roast Dinner tomorrow, we will be offering Jacket potatoes with toppings and Pasta on Thursday. As ever, Jo, our catering manager will ensure the meals meet the food standards and are nutritious. If there are any further changes, I will inform you via ParentMail.

Additional Measures

This morning, I have received further guidance from Public Health Protection Team, England regarding additional measures we should implement to help prevent transmission of the virus. Please see the additional measures that I have implemented in school:

- Children will have their break times and lunchtimes in their individual year groups and use designated play areas
- Children will use their allocated year group toilets
- Extra-curricular clubs cancelled due to staff absence
- Zoning of year group areas within breakfast and after-school club
- Temporarily limit visitors to school

I am sure that you will understand that these measures will help this reduce the spread of bugs and is a strategy we feel we can introduce, without too much disruption to children's learning, enjoyment and well-being.

We continue to have a member of our premises team continually clean touch points and all toilet areas throughout the school day. In addition staff actively encourage hand hygiene each time the child enters and leaves the classroom for any reason.

Mr Ashley-Jones and I have received requests from our parent community to re-instate the wearing of face coverings whilst coming onto the school site. I would actively encourage you to wear a face coverings (unless exempt) whilst on our school site due to the high number of positive COVID-19 cases; this is for your personal safety and that of others.

You will have noticed that our Staff are wearing face-coverings/visors around the school site; this is a directive of the Department of Education but be reassured that face-coverings are not worn when teaching the children in class.

We have several in-school Christmas events scheduled for next week and will review the decision to proceed with these on Friday. As ever, we have planned to film, or live stream the activities and performances as we want our children to have this wonderful Christmas experience and for our community to share them.

In my previous letter of this morning, I stated that you may find the increase in positive COVID- 19 cases concerning (apologies, I wrote this twice!!) but please be reassured that our Governing Body, Staff and I will do our utmost to ensure the safety of all with as little disruption for our children and their families.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

DJ Hines

Debra Hines
Executive Headteacher