



Joy Lane Primary School

A Love of Learning, for Life, for All

Oyster Bay Nursery & Oysters SRP (ASD)

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Head of School: Mr M Ashley-Jones

Friday 6th November 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Ref: National Lockdown Update to Risk Assessment

On Wednesday afternoon, I received further guidance from the Government in relation to Education and child care settings and Clinically Vulnerable and Clinically Extremely Vulnerable (CEV) members of the School community. Some of our Staff have received a letter from the NHS insisting that they are prohibited from attending school from Monday, until the lockdown is complete. This, and the updated guidance, will impact on the expected working practices of our Staff community due to the likelihood of raised transmission of the virus. To mitigate the risks, the Governing Body and I have made the decision to revert to our contingency plan to close our year group bubbles after lunch each Friday afternoon from 1pm, at least until this current national lockdown finishes; alongside other logistical measures, this will ensure clinically vulnerable adults (staff) are further protected, allow for staff preparation, planning and assessment time plus our whole school site can have a further thorough deep clean ready for the new week.

Supply cover options were explored, but did not further mitigate risk and just added to them! As ever, we always intend to keep as much provision open for as many children as possible and I did not want to rotate year group bubbles in and out across November/December – this would have disrupted all of the children's learning and provided significant challenges to parents trying to work in a regular pattern, particularly those with more than one child who are in different year groups. Our priority is to keep our whole community as safe as possible.

Early closure dates: Friday November 13th, 20th, 27th and Friday 4th December from 1pm. Staggered exit times attached.

We will ensure that a remote learning resource will be available each Friday afternoon as an optional task for your child to complete from home. Teachers will share the activity through ClassDojo. Next Friday 13th November, we will be setting a whole school challenge related to 'Children in Need'.

The Breakfast and After School Club will run as normal Monday to Thursday. On Fridays the Breakfast club will run as usual. However, the After-School Club will have limited provision for Parents and Carers who are essential workers from 1pm – 5.30pm. It will be a paid for service in the normal way and will remain at the current cost despite the extended time. These measures will ensure we can remain open safely with equal provision for all. We hope the early information will at least help parents with arrangements for work. We have our list of essential workers from June 2020 so our helpful office team will contact you to ask if you require the after school provision on a Friday. We will also contact all new parents and carers to our school since September to ascertain as to whether your job role is classed essential under the current national lockdown.

Please also be reassured that if we do have a Staff member or child who has a positive COVID-19 test, you will be informed immediately of the year group bubble closure for isolation – I will not be at liberty to divulge the name of the person who has a positive test result. Similarly, if a Staff member is contacted through track and trace, I am also not at liberty to inform you, due to GDPR. I will only inform you if a year group bubble has to isolate. Please also be mindful that staff absence may occur for a variety of reasons, not just COVID-19.

Your continued support is much appreciated and as ever, I will keep you well-informed of any further updates. Apologies for the necessity to close early on a Friday. I would like to, once again thank all staff for their commitment to doing all that we can to ensure our wonderful school runs effectively in challenging times and that, most importantly, the children still get a positive school experience.

Warmest regards,

DJ Hines



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JLPS Entry/Exit Plan for Friday November 13th, 20th, 27th & December 4th 2020

Nursery	
Collection	Dependent on session booked (no early finish)
Reception	
Collection	Klee 1.00pm Kline 1.05pm Kandinsky 1.10pm
Year 1	
Collection	Voysey 1.15pm Van Gogh 1.20pm Vallotton 1.25pm
Year 2	
Collection	Potter 1.00pm Postgate 1.05pm Picasso 1.10pm
Year 3	
Collection	Riley 1.00pm Rousseau 1.05pm Renoir 1.10pm
Year 4	
Collection	Hockney 1.15pm Heron 1.20pm Hepworth 1.25pm
Year 5	
Collection	All classes leave between 1.00pm and 1.10pm
Year 6	
Collection	All classes leave between 1.10pm and 1.20pm
Oysters SRP	
Collection	Taxis/cars to arrive at 2:30pm