



Joy Lane Primary School

A Love of Learning, for Life, for All

15 September 2020

Oyster Bay Nursery & Oysters SRP (ASD)

Executive Headteacher: Ms D J Hines

Head of School: Mr M Ashley-Jones

Dear Parents & Carers

Welcome to a New School Year from the Music Department.

Mr Edwards, Ms Salter and Mrs Rawlings are so looking forward to hearing the Music room come alive again with students' music making and we are nearly ready to begin. We wanted to share with you what preparations have been made and how Music teaching will work logistically for the foreseeable future.

The usual precautions of thorough hand cleaning, social distancing, minimal use of shared equipment and cleaning between pupils will, of course, form the basis of our safe practice. However, one to one tuition of instruments has required its own specific Risk Assessment and this can be viewed on the Joy Lane Primary School website.

Some students share their guitar lessons and this will remain possible as those students affected are from year group 'Bubbles'.

Ms Salter will be moving all of her teaching into a newly created room of her own as the main Music room is being divided into two. She will be the only teacher to be using this room, with her pupils attending one at a time, with cleaning of the shared equipment taking place between every lesson. There are two pianos, one for pupils and one for Ms Salter, so social distancing can be comfortably observed.

On 5th August, the Government advised that wind instrument tuition can resume this month where extra precautions can be taken to minimise any possible risks associated with water droplets from instruments. Wind instruments will be taught with the player standing in a clear screened booth, which is cleaned between pupils. There is another booth for the teacher to play within. There will be strict rules regarding the safe cleaning and emptying of the water from instruments after lessons.

No sharing of any instruments will be allowed, except for our drum kit which can be cleaned between uses; therefore, pupils must remember all their equipment. In the event that vital equipment is not brought into School, all we can offer is a Music theory lesson or, sadly, missing their session. Please note, in these instances, lessons will still be charged. Instructions will be given by your private teacher, when they contact you individually, explaining where instruments are to be stored.

We have made the decision to reintroduce instrumental lessons in a staggered start. Pupils/Parents will be contacted personally by their teacher regarding when their lessons can resume, but with the safety precautions which we need time to adjust to, we cannot give you all a date just yet. Pupils will need to be prioritised, with our exam and advanced students beginning first.

We fully appreciate that every family is in a different situation and if, for any reason, you wish for your child to discontinue their Music lessons, then please do contact your respective private teacher to let them know immediately so we can plan accordingly. Lockdown has certainly been a time for prioritising what is important to us. We continue to have long waiting lists and we will not be able to take on any new pupils for at least this term. If you feel your child is no longer going to be committed to their Music then it would be appreciated if you helped us by freeing up a precious place.

Anyone wishing to join our waiting lists for instrumental lessons is very welcome to email School and this request will be passed on to the relevant Music teacher. Thank you.

Yours sincerely

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