



Joy Lane Primary School

A Love of Learning, for Life, for All

Oyster Bay Nursery & Oysters SRP (ASD)

Executive Headteacher: Ms D J Hines

Head of School: Mr M Ashley-Jones

September 7th 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to the new academic year on behalf of the governors at Joy Lane School. On the first day of the new term I witnessed the smiling happy faces of pupils and staff as the children arrived for their first day. It was a heartening sight after such a long period of uncertainty to see them greeting their friends and teachers, excited about the day ahead.

Welcome, also to our new parents and carers. Let me just say a few words to explain to you about our governing board.

My colleagues bring a wide range of complementary skills and professional knowledge to the governing board. We work as a team, meeting regularly, and work in a strategic role supporting the school in a number of key areas, including pupil progress and achievement, wellbeing, finance and budgets. Our governing board comprises twelve governors including two elected parents of pupils in the school, an elected member of the teaching staff, one representative of the Local Education Authority and six Community Governors co-opted for their particular skills and professional backgrounds. We undertake training and keep up to date with current education issues and challenges. Our Executive Headteacher is also a governor of the school and the Head of School is an Associate Governor. You can find details of the whole governing body, along with our photographs, on the school's website.

The Covid-19 situation has changed the day to day life at school. I meet regularly with Ms Hines, our Executive Headteacher who keeps me updated on the stringent measures in place to try and keep our children and staff safe. Please be reassured that the school is following all government agency guidelines which are constantly updating, takes action accordingly and will continue to keep you all informed through the usual communication channels. Your child's safety, wellbeing and continuing education are in good hands. We all have our part to play; staff, governors, parents and carers and the children themselves. Together we look forward, and will eventually look back only to reflect on how we came through as a whole school community.

I am sure you will join me in saying a big thank you to the staff, who have had very little break over recent months, for working so hard to make life for our children as normal as possible.

I hope you and you families all keep safe and well and I look forward to keeping in contact with you.

Take care, everyone,

Chris Graves
Chair of Governors