



Joy Lane Primary School

A Love of Learning, for Life, for All

Tuesday 5th January 2021

Oyster Bay Nursery & Oysters SRP (ASD)

Executive Headteacher: Ms DJ Hines

Head of School: Mr M Ashley-Jones

National Lockdown and Partial Opening of Schools

Dear Parents and Carers,

I do hope my letter continues to find you and your family safe and well.

Further to my letter of Sunday 3rd January, and following the Prime Minister's address to the nation at 8pm yesterday, as from Wednesday 6th January 2021, we will revert to partial opening and Schools have been directed to continue to provide care for a limited number of children - children who are vulnerable and children whose parents are critical to the Covid-19 response who cannot be safely cared for at home. The majority of children will be supported by remote learning. Fortunately for us, we are already providing in-school education for the children of critical workers and vulnerable children. If you would like to access our current provision, please contact the school office and we will do our best to accommodate in the year group bubble you require. Please follow the link to view the latest Government Guidance: [Critical workers and vulnerable children who can access schools or educational settings - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/guidance/critical-workers-and-vulnerable-children-who-can-access-schools-or-educational-settings)

During to the current seriousness of the pandemic and yet another National Lockdown in England, we have further amended our risk assessment and reverted to our previous position of March 2020. This reflects Government guidance of safe distancing practice in the classroom.

The Teaching Staff have worked hard to provide our very strong remote learning offer, this week. An updated provision will start from Monday 11th January 2021 and a copy of this will be sent tomorrow afternoon. At Joy Lane, we are fortunate to offer live learning as we have the appropriate platform for this, and we hope to build on our offer of one live lesson a day by Monday 11th January 2021. *Please note that this is subject to change according to staff availability; we currently have staff that are having to self-isolate, directed to shield and others whom are unwell. You will receive notification of any changes through ClassDojo.*

The Government are expecting Schools to report on the engagement of pupils during remote learning and would like to thank you in advance for your support in this area and know that it is a huge ask. If you have any questions relating to your child's learning, please contact your child's Teacher via ClassDojo. You will also receive individual catch-up telephone calls during the lockdown period.

You will also receive an invite to complete an online survey of the mobile devices/broadband/Wi-Fi available in your homes which will help us understand what is available to you and the technical support we are able to give.

As some of our lessons will be live and virtual, I would ask that you remind the children that we observe the same ethos as in school - 'Be Ready, Be Respectful and Be Responsible' and observe the same etiquette as 'raising a hand' if there is a comment to make- it is not acceptable to write adverse comments in the chat bar. We will contact you personally should we have concerns in this area.

For clarification, the children receiving in-school education will also access the remote learning programme.



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Entry/Exit to our School site

For the remainder of this week, I am keeping the staggered entry/exit times the same and will share any changes by the weekend. I would like to ensure that all visitors keep to the 2 metre rule between all adults/children and absolutely no mingling in groups on the school site plus face coverings must be worn at all times – except for people with an invisible disability (please have your exemption lanyard visible). This is for the safety of all on our School site.

I will share more information with you once I receive further guidance from our Government and I will send a separate letter to our parent community who are entitled to the FSM provision.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us, but please remember that we are also receiving a high volume of enquiries and may not be able to get back to you immediately.

In the meantime, keep safe and do look after yourselves.

With kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "D. J. Hines". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly informal style.

Executive Headteacher