



# Joy Lane Primary School

*A Love of Learning, for Life, for All*

March 2021

Oyster Bay Nursery&Oysters SRP (ASD)

Executive Headteacher: Ms D J Hines

Head of School: Mr M Ashley-Jones

Dear Parents and Carers

## SWIMMING LESSONS FOR PUPILS



We are delighted to inform you that children's swimming for **Nursery, Years R, 1, 2, 3 and Oysters SRP** will commence on **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March**. Following the latest advice from Swim England, lessons will be structured in their usual setup, with every precaution necessary in place to ensure the safe delivery of lessons. Please be assured that children will remain in their class bubbles during their swimming lessons. A copy of our Risk Assessment can be accessed on the School's website via the Swimming tab. **Please refer to the timetable on the next page to see when your child's class bubble will be swimming.**

The cost for swimming lessons for the term will be £15 (approximately £2 per lesson). This equates to £30 for 2 terms of swimming. We appreciate that last year some of you might have paid for school lessons and are in credit. For those parents who fall into this category, you will not need to pay for your child's lessons. If you are not owed a refund from last year, please can we rely on your goodwill and ask for payment for your child's swimming lessons. Now, more than ever, there are increasing budget constraints placed upon schools to make savings and cut costs. It is imperative that all parents help contribute towards their child's lessons. All payments must be made in advance of your child's swimming lesson either by card, or via ParentMail. If you would like to discuss swimming pool payments privately, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Ashley-Jones, Head of School, or one of our Family Liaison Officers.

Lessons are designed to promote enjoyment and confidence in the water, leading up to stroke technique and the learning of key skills (diving, jumping, treading water, sculling, turns, etc). Lessons are led by Mr Dowling and his team of fully qualified, experienced and dedicated swimming instructors. There will be Teachers / Teaching Assistants on pool-side to help with changing and to reassure any nervous swimmers. On swimming days, please can you ensure that your child has all the necessary kit (costume, towel, goggles). Swim hats will be provided by the school.

Our swimming program follows the STA School Swimming Academy, which surrounds a scheme of eight progressive awards designed to build water confidence, water safety skills and stroke development for pupils in Reception, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. Please visit our Joy Lane Swim School [Facebook page](#) to watch a short video of Mr Dowling talking about our fantastic pool.

At Joy Lane Primary School, we are extremely fortunate to have this wonderful resource on site, and I am sure you will agree that the children benefit immensely from learning an essential life skill that will stay with them forever. The Governors and I feel the lessons offer extremely good value for money and, therefore, we will continue to subsidise these to ensure the high-quality teaching continues. Our first priority is keeping your child safe and, as a school, we are committed to increasing the number of children who are able to confidently swim and see this as being particularly important given the school's location close to the sea.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind you that swimming is part of our school enrichment curriculum; therefore, if your child has a medical reason for not attending swimming lessons, please contact the class teacher to discuss the issue.

Thank you once again for supporting your child's swimming lessons.

*Ms. DJ Hines*

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Please note that although we try to ensure the pool remains open and functioning throughout the year, due to incidents beyond our control, the pool may be subject to closure for a period of time whilst any issues are resolved. Unfortunately, we cannot always guarantee catch-up sessions.

## Swimming Timetable Terms 4, 5 and 6

TERM	LESSONS COMMENCE	LESSONS FINISH
4	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> March 2021	Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2021
5	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> April 2021	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> May 2021
6	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2021

Day	Year / Class	Time
Monday	Year 3 – Rousseau	1-2pm
	Year 3 – Riley	2-3pm
Tuesday	Nursery	9:30-11:30am
	Oysters SRP	1-2pm
	Year 3 – Renoir	2-3pm
Wednesday	Oysters SRP	1-2pm
	Year 2 – Picasso	2-3pm
Thursday	Reception	9-12pm
	Year 2 - Postgate	1-2pm
	Year 2 – Potter	2-3pm
Friday	Year 1 - Van Gogh	9-10am
	Year 1 – Voysey	10-11am
	Year 1 – Vallotton	11-12pm