



Joy Lane Primary School

A Love of Learning, for Life, for All

Oyster Bay Nursery & Oysters SRP (ASD)

Executive Headteacher: Ms DJ Hines

Head of School: Mr M Ashley-Jones

Monday 29th March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Arrangements for Term 5

It is pleasing that there has been a drop in positive COVID-19 cases locally and nationally, but we must continue to be hyper-vigilant and observe all PHE guidance. It is marvellous how well the vaccination programme is developing in England, but we must remember that this does not stop the virus spreading or a vaccinated person contracting the virus. It continues to be imperative that we keep ourselves and others as safe as possible and try to mitigate risk at every opportunity. As a reminder, please inform the school if you are awaiting COVID-19 test results before sharing on social media; we will inform you immediately should there be a positive case in our school setting.

I met with our Full Governing Body on Monday and we have made decisions in line with ongoing Government guidance and updates to ensure the safety and well-being of our whole school community.

From April 19th 2021:

- *Children will continue to be taught in **year group bubbles***
- *Children will **enter and exit the school site in year group bubbles**, not class bubbles (JLPS Entry and Exit Plan is attached)*
- ***Adjustments to timings of the school day** with continued **early finish on a Friday** (schedule attached) – the adjustment in timings and sessions ensure we continue to be compliant with Government regulations and expectations.*
- *Please note that we are now encouraging all children in **Years 3 and 4** to walk into school independently **from the blue gates**, which should help alleviate any congestion in the morning. Please be re-assured that school staff will continue to be present between the blue gates and bottom of the road at drop-off and collection times.*
- ***Breakfast Club** will revert to 7.30am start: Early Years and Years 1 and 2 will be based in the lower school hall, in individual zones. Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be based in the Upper School Hall in individual zones.*
- ***After School Club** will revert to a 6pm finish: Early Years, Years 1 and 2 will be based in the lower School hall in individual zones. Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be based in the Upper School in individual zones.*
- ***Additional learning ‘booster’ groups** will take place prior to the start of the school day in line with our recovery curriculum. (You will receive a letter separately if your child has been invited to these booster groups.)*
- *Year 1 and Year 2 children will eat their lunch in the Lower School Hall (not classrooms)*
- *In conjunction with Teamtheme, we will be offering one extra-curricular club per year group bubble (please see separate letter for information).*

During drop-off and collection times, it is imperative that adults continue to socially distance, and as ever, Staff members will be on duty to help direct you and the children to respective entry/exit points. We will send you a video link if your drop-off/collection points have changed.

We fully expect you will find your own family routines at drop-off and pick-up times and the shorter time slots we now have in place should support this. We are not offering sibling early collection points in Early Years, Year 1 or 2 as we do not, at this point, foresee the need; however, we will monitor this closely and evaluate the systems we have in place.

If you need to give the Teacher a message at drop off times, please use the ClassDojo messaging service or inform a member of our Senior Leadership Team or Office staff; we need to ensure fluidity of footfall.

We are hoping that our changes reflect a small step towards a sense of normality for the children and know that with your support, we can make these organisational changes happen effectively.

Warmest Regards,

DJ Hines

Debra Hines
Executive Headteacher