



JOHN RUSKIN
PRIMARY SCHOOL



John Ruskin Primary School and Language Classes
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Dear Parent/Carer

We are very much looking forward to welcoming all pupils back to school in following the government's announcement that all pupils should return to school in September and have been busily planning for the safe return of all pupils. The first day back for all children in years 1 – 6 is **Friday 4th September**

The school's plan and risk assessment are based on the governments 'Guidance for full opening – schools' & 'Actions for Early Years & Childcare Providers'. The risk assessment is on the school's website www.johnruskin.southwark.sch.uk and also on the school app. I would urge you all to read it.

These documents contain a clear system of controls for schools to follow, which allow for the fact that it is not possible for young children in a school environment to remain socially distant. However they state clearly that if the controls are implemented they will effectively minimise risks.

To implement these measures we will need to make some changes to how the school operates:

- Children will be grouped into class or year group bubbles that do not mix to minimise their contacts.
- There will be enhanced cleaning of the school and disinfecting of equipment
- Start and finish times will be staggered with separate entrances for the different year groups with children dropped off at the gate, parents will not be able to come in with the children. Staff will be in the playground support this.
- Break and lunch times will be staggered with all classes except reception eating in class.
- Regular hand washing and ensuring that the children follow 'catch it, bin it, kill it'
- Classroom set ups will be changed from Y1- Y6 so that tables face the front and children do not sit opposite each other

Celebrating 10 years of being an Ofsted Outstanding school
across all Key Stages Nursery to Year 6
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Under data protection law, individuals have a right to be informed about how the school uses any personal data that we hold about them. We comply with this right by providing 'privacy notices' to individuals where we are processing their personal data. Our privacy notices are available on our website www.johnruskin.southwark.sch.uk or via the school office.

- Parents and visitors will only be allowed to enter the premises with a pre-arranged appointment. An email address has been set up for you to email any messages for the teacher at the start of the day.
general@johnruskin.southwark.sch.uk

Children should wear school uniform and may bring in their bookbag, packed lunch and PE kit. Reading books will be sent home and the children will receive homework. Your child's class teacher will inform you of what days they need their book bag and PE kit in September. Homework will continue to be set on Thursday to be handed in on Wednesday.

We are aware that some of these changes may be confusing for the children so we will be delivering regular PSHE lessons to reassure the children and allow them to talk about their worries. Please could you talk to your child about these changes over the holidays so they are prepared for them.

We are also making a short video which we will put on the school's website on Tuesday 21st July showing the children some of the things that will be different.

Arrangements for collection and drop off.

Included with this letter is a sheet letting you know your child's class & teacher for September, the entrance they will be using and their drop off and collection times. We appreciate that many of you will have children in different year groups and have planned drop off and collection time frames to allow for this and thank you in advance for supporting us with this measure to keep all our children safe.

Please follow social distancing rules and signs when waiting outside the gates. The council have informed us that the pavement outside the school gates will be widened over the summer. Please try to avoid using public transport when travelling to or from school.

All face coverings must be removed at the school gate.

Please look on the school website and app where we have put information about support and activities for over the summer holidays. Breakfast boxes will be available over the holidays on Wednesday 29th July, Wednesday 12th August and Wednesday 26th August from 2:00 – 3:00 from the big playground.

Once again my thanks in advance for your support with implementing these changes. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September.

Yours faithfully

Clare Tayton
Interim headteacher