



John Ray Infant School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to this strange term. At the end of last term, it was my hope that we would all be returning safely together but sadly, this is not to be the case, at least for the next few weeks. I would like to thank you for your ongoing support for the school and I want to take this opportunity to reassure you that we will continue to ensure the highest of safety standards for both staff and children.

As with the previous Lockdown in March, our keyworker children will be allocated a group to work in while they are at school. All children have been placed into one of 6 groups across the school. See separate parentmail for your child's classroom for the next two weeks.

We are hopeful that the current local Lockdown measures will be reviewed by 18th January so that we are able to welcome the rest of our John Ray family back to school. In the meantime, please see below the information you will need for the next two weeks.

Drop off at **9.00am** and pick up at **3.00pm**. Please continue to follow the one-way system and face coverings **MUST** be worn. Social distancing **MUST** be adhered to on the school site please and we request that the children are dropped off by one adult only.

Nursery - please drop off at Dragonflies door in the main school. Children attending mornings only must be collected from the main office. Afternoon only children must be dropped of at the main entrance and picked up from the Dragonflies classroom door.
Children attending a full nursery day must still bring a packed lunch.

EYFS and Year 1 please pick up and drop off at the relevant classroom door.

Year 2 pick up and drop off at the hall.

The children need to wear school uniform with PE kit to be worn on the following days:
EYFS on Tuesdays, Year 1 on a Monday and Thursday, Year 2 on a Wednesday and Friday.

The children need to bring their book bags and water bottles.

A revised menu is included for school dinners as usual. Children can still bring a packed lunch if they wish.

As there will be a requirement for us to offer online learning for the children who are still working from home, we have planned that two teachers in each year group will teach in school and two will work on the home learning offer. The teaching teams for the next two weeks are indicated below:

Nursery	(Working from Dragonfly class) Miss Devereux and Miss Shortall
EYFS	(Working from Butterfly Class) Mrs Yates, Mrs Heissig, Miss Psaros (Working from Bumblebee Class) Mrs Hinds, Mrs Everett, Mrs Pearson, Mrs Roan
Year One	(Working from Squirrel Class) Miss Joy and Mrs Salih (Working from Moles Class) Miss Hollingsworth and Miss Chapman
Year Two	(Working from Kingfishers Class) Miss Springall and Mrs Durham (Working from Robins Class) Mrs Convoy and Mrs Knight

If your child usually attends Early Birds (by invitation only) or Tiddly Winkers (extended service), these will still be on offer to you. Please confirm that you will be attending your usual sessions to Mrs Rushen on admin@johnrayinfants.essex.sch.uk

If your child or anyone in your family starts to display symptoms of Covid-19, please immediately isolate and seek a test.

The school offer for the next two weeks is a full time offer and we expect the children to be in school every day unless a prior arrangement has been made with myself.

The full time offer does not apply to children in Nursery who must continue to attend on their allocated days.

Please continue to contact the school office if your child is going to be absent.

Have a restful weekend and we will see you back safe and well on Monday 4th January.



Mrs Mills
Headteacher