



Joy Lane Primary School

A Love of Learning, for Life, for All

Oyster Bay Nursery & Oysters SRP (ASD)

Executive Headteacher: Ms D J Hines

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5th July 2016

Dear Parents and Carers

Following my letter to you all on Friday announcing our change to Foundation status, I am pleased to tell you that the planning consent for the demolition of Ladesfield, the construction of a new access road to the school via Vulcan Close and the building of a two storey six roomed classroom block has finally been granted. It is some six months later than we would have liked.

Work on the demolition of Ladesfield should start in September. The construction of additional car parking and a new exit will continue over the next 12 months and should be in place to coincide with the opening of the new classroom block for the new 2017 intake.

The staff and Governors will endeavour to ensure that disruption is kept to a minimum whilst these extensive building works are carried out.

There is no doubt that as a result of unreasonable and selfish behaviour by a very small number of our parents we have suffered extensive delays in the planning process due to local residents objections. We have also had a number of conditions put upon the new building and one or two residents have made it plain that they will continue to object at the slightest opportunity as the build progresses.

You can assist us in overcoming these issues by parking sensibly yourselves and putting pressure on parents who don't park reasonably to do so. Peer group pressure often succeeds where enforcement fails. Remember parking dangerously endangers the lives of everyone's children.

It has also been reported that there have been unacceptable racist and unkind comments to staff on duty at the front of the school. This is not necessarily from parents and carers but I ask for your support in dealing with this. If you witness such behaviour I would ask that you challenge it and report it to the school office as soon as possible. Racist comments to our staff will not be tolerated by the Board of Governors and all such incidences will be reported to the police.

Yours Sincerely

Mr Gerry Skinner
Chair

On behalf of the Governing Body of Joy Lane Foundation Primary School