



# John Donne Primary School

Woods Road, Peckham, SE15 2SW

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Dear Parents and carers,

Today is our last day of school for, what has been a very strange, academic year. This was definitely not the year that anyone could have expected but we have adapted to a new way of working and teaching our children. I would like to extend my thanks to you all for the support you have given your children with their home learning and also for all the support you have given the staff team here. We are certainly looking forward to something much more 'normal' in September.

School will begin again **FOR ALL CHILDREN** from Year 1 to Year 6 on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2020 (there are staff training days on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> September). Children in the Reception and Nursery classes will be receiving letters with details of their start date. You will be kept updated over the holidays (through weekly Trust letters) about any changes to this arrangement which might occur over the summer.

As you are aware the government and schools are keen to get children back into a 'normal' routine for the next academic year. There will be some changes to our normal practices in September in line with government advice and national and local health service advice. The school, along with the Trust, will continue to ensure (as far as possible) that John Donne is a safe place to learn and in which to work.

### **Class bubbles**

We will be running class bubbles of 30 children in Key Stage 2 (Y3-Y6). In Early Years and Key Stage 1 we will be running year group bubble as shared spaces, resources and activities are key to a successful experience in these younger years.

### **Lunch and play times**

A school meal will be provided for your child at lunchtime. The children will eat their lunch with their class group at an allocated seat in the dinner hall. Lunch and play times will be timetabled to ensure that classes have their own space to play.

### **Start and end of the school day**

To help you and our school community stay safe and to avoid large groups of people gathering around the school gate, we have put the following procedures in place.

- Staggered drop off and pick up times
- Specific gates to use for drop off and pick up

You will receive more detailed information about drop off and pick up time before you children start back in September.

### **Handwashing/hygiene**

Children will wash their hands on arrival at school and will continue to do this at regular intervals throughout the day - always before entering and exiting the classroom, before and after eating and after using the toilet.

**It is very important to note that the government may change its advice before school begins again – we will keep you updated and provide a full description of structure, activities and organisation before your children start back in September.**

If you would like to discuss any concerns regarding this please do email the school ([office@jdacademy.org.uk](mailto:office@jdacademy.org.uk)) at any time over the summer and we will get back to you.

I hope that you and your families enjoy the break over the summer holidays and we are very much looking forward to seeing you all again in September.

Warm wishes,



Jo Rooney  
Headteacher