



Orchards Junior School

Being the best we can be ... not in the world but for the world



Healthy School



Eco Schools Green Flag



Living the Olympic and Paralympic Values



Charter Standard for Schools

Dear Parents

Today's government announcement has confirmed that it will go ahead with its intention to open up schools to children in Year 6. Many thanks to the parents who have replied with their intentions, it has been a big help to our planning.

As I said in my previous letters, a zero-risk approach is not possible but we have given a great deal of thought to what our provision will look like. We believe it will be helpful for you to be reminded of the key differences when coming into and leaving school:

- Start (08:45) and finish (14:45) times will be the same as usual but we will be managing the ingress and egress of children by organically staggering their movement to accurately reflect the needs of the situation.

At the **beginning of the day**

1. Please do not arrive before 08:30, as we do not want people to congregate in large numbers.
2. We would like you to drop your children off outside the outer school gate where they will follow a one-way walking path into school through the inner gate.
3. The children then go directly into their classrooms under direction from the Year Leaders.
4. Children arriving unaccompanied will go straight in along the one way path.
5. There will be school staff to guide children at both gates.

At the **end of the day**

1. Please wait outside the outer gate where the children will be released from school by their class teacher sensitively to accommodate social distancing.
2. Children walking home unaccompanied will leave when we believe it is appropriate for them to do so.
3. All children will walk using the one way system.
4. There will be school staff to ensure the children know when and where to go.
5. You may wish to arrange a meeting place beforehand to facilitate social distancing.

It is imperative to respect social distancing when you are dropping off or waiting for collection.

For obvious reasons we are unable to offer Breakfast Club or any after school clubs in the current climate.

We have spent a long time trying to establish the best process and we will continue to review the situation as it develops. Please be assured we are endeavouring to make this as safe as possible. There is no perfect way and we will continue to evolve our provision based upon rigorous review.

- Our range of approaches to organisation and hygiene are as outlined in the last letter.
- Our approach to dealing with any cases of illness is also contained in that letter

Dr. Paul Jones

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