



# Orchards Junior School

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



Healthy School



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Living the Olympic and Paralympic Values



Charter Standard for Schools

## Dear Parents of Year 6 children

As you will be aware, the government is planning to open up schools to children in Year 6 from 1<sup>st</sup> June in addition to those of key workers and vulnerable children. **In order to plan effectively for their return, if this happens, we are asking you to let us know (e-mail [enquiries@orchardsjunior.school](mailto:enquiries@orchardsjunior.school) or telephone 01903 520202) whether or not you wish your child to attend.**

There is no compulsion for you to send your child back and whilst we would love to see them again, you have to be sure it is the right thing for you and your family. There are no penalties for non-attendance.

In order for you to make the best decision for your family, we believe it would be helpful to outline some of the key measures we will be putting into place to minimise the risks to parents, staff and children. However, it is clear from the advice of the medical associations, even with precautions in place, a 'zero-risk approach is not possible'

- Remote off site learning will continue to be enhanced so children not attending can access the same opportunities as the rest of the cohort.
- Start (08:45) and finish (14:45) times will be the same as usual but please respect social distancing when you are dropping off or waiting for collection. Do not arrive before 08:30 as we do not want people to congregate in large numbers.
- We will have the necessary hygiene measures in place such as sanitisers and hand washing facilities.
- We have signage in place to remind children of the 2m rule and also direction of travel where necessary within the school as well as a number of posters relating to hygiene expectations.
- Classes will be limited to a maximum 15 children and they will have all lessons together including those outside such as physical activity
- Break times will be staggered to ensure the children have enough space.
- Tables will be cleaned before, during and after the school day.
- The children will not need to bring any equipment as they will be given their own pack for their sole use on arrival to class which they will use for the duration.
- We will expect the children to wear school uniform but understand that some items may be unavailable due to shops being closed. We will communicate with you if PE kit is required or able to be worn through the day.
- Lunch times will be staggered so the children can eat safely. Please send the children with a packed lunch unless you are in receipt of free school meals where a lunch will be provided as normal
- We know the children will be anxious but part of our planned curriculum will be to show consideration for emotional and well-being aspects.

Do not send your child into school if they are unwell. The same rules continue to be applicable in terms of self-isolation. If your child or any other member of your family are exhibiting symptoms of Coronavirus then you need to self-isolate your family for a period of 14 days. If any child or staff member is unwell we will send them home immediately and if they exhibit symptoms of Coronavirus we will expect them to adhere to the above rules with regard to the self-isolation period of 14 days. Please ensure we have the most up to date contact details for you.

There are big decisions to be made and if we can help you in any way please get in touch.

Dr. Paul Jones

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