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Dear Neighbours and Friends

As we near our half term holiday, you may have noticed that Orchard Manor School has been a hive of activity over the past few months, not only with the return of our fantastic students getting back into school life after the long summer holidays, but also with our team of contractors being on site.

We are very pleased to say that the building of our brand new Sports Hall and Vocational Training area are well underway, as is the new space for our Horticultural Area.

The children (and staff) have watched as the project progresses, incorporating the building works into our lessons and some of them being lucky enough to have had site visits hosted by Toby.

The brand new Sports Hall will be a great addition to Dawlish and the surrounding areas, and we are very enthusiastic about sharing our facilities with the community. We are looking forward to enabling sporting fixtures and other events throughout the coming years and to becoming a valuable asset to the local area.

"Live" updates of the build and information regarding the new development will be published on the new school website which will be coming soon, but In the meantime, please turn the page for the newsletter from Toby, the Building Site Manager.

Best wishes to you all - Orchard Manor School



## Issue 01 Sept/Oct 2021 - Orchard Manor School, Dawlish

Welcome to the First Edition of our "On Site Newsletter @ Orchard Manor School".

We hope you and your families are safe and well.

This is our first newsletter to let you know about all the works onsite and how the site team are getting on! We have a busy period ahead of us as we prepare the site for the timber framed building to be delivered in November. We are also preparing for a busy October Half term.

Let me introduce our team:

**Our Site Manager is Toby.** He works from site every day and is always happy to answer any questions you have, just pop down and see him.

**Our Contracts Manager is Neil.** He visits the site on a weekly basis to oversee the works.

**Our Surveyor is Andy** and he is in charge of getting the right teams to site for the right jobs!

## **Current Works:**

- The Groundworks Team have worked tirelessly over the summer holidays to clear the existing site and form the new site entrance and road. The foundations for the new sports hall have been dug and have been filled with concrete. The team are now digging the drainage for the new site and will start on the workshop before long.
- **The Fencing Team** worked over the summer holiday period to establish the timber site hoarding and will be painted it in our Devon Contractor colours.
- We have a full-time **Gateman**, and you might see him in the morning sorting out the lorries and deliveries. He is an important member of the team who keeps the site continuously moving!



**Planned Works:** 

- Our groundworks team will continue to install drainage on the lower site, build kerbs, and do the general prep work for the timber frame of the hall.
- We will start work on the foundations for the workshop.
- Our team of bricklayers will continue to work on the main build.
- The site team will be working behind the scenes securing more suppliers to ensure the project is delivered on time.



Many thanks for taking the time to read our newsletter. Please recycle after reading.