

Orchard Manor School
John Nash Drive
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4th September 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome Back!

I hope you had an enjoyable break over the summer and managed to enjoy some of the warm and sunny weather that we had.

It is great to be back in school as we prepare to welcome our young people back to a new academic year. Staff have been working hard to ensure that the school is safe for when pupils come back and that we can return back to a normal school day as much as possible.

It is important that we remind you that attendance to school is mandatory, therefore the usual rules on school attendance apply. A small number of pupils will still be unable to attend in line with public health advice because they are self-isolating and have had symptoms or a positive test result themselves; or because they are a close contact of someone who has coronavirus. Where this is the case, pupils will be able to access remote learning.

To support pupils to reintegrate back into school, routines and expectations will be as normal. This includes the requirement for pupils to attend in school uniform, and mobile devices should not be brought into school.

As a lot of information was shared before the summer holidays, we have put together a document which contains all of the important information and guidance that you need to be aware of for the full reopening of the school – Guidance for the Full Opening of Orchard Manor School (September 2020).

Pupils will start to return on Monday 7th September for our Reintegration Week. The majority of pupils will be in school for two days for the first week. Please see below a reminder of which days your child is expected to be in school. During the days where pupils are not in school, remote learning will be provided. From Monday 14th September, pupils will be returning to school full time.

School timings will return to normal, meaning that the school day will commence at 10:40am on Mondays and 9:10am from Tuesday to Friday. The school day ends at 3:35pm every day, other than at the end of each half term where the school day ends at 1:00pm.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Peach (Beech) – Nicola Donald	Peach (Beech) – Nicola Donald	Teal (Pine) – Rebecca Higson	Gold (Chestnut) – Richard Ensor	Green – Karen Monaghan
Plum – Peter Smith	Plum – Peter Smith	Yellow – Julie Macfie-Jones	Purple – Amelia Green	
Orange – Rebecca Clifford Hill	Orange – Rebecca Clifford Hill	Lime – Jill Clements	Green – Karen Monaghan	
Blue – Janet Haley	Blue – Janet Haley	Gold (Chestnut) – Richard Ensor	7Acr – Amanda Crump	
Red – Alex Swan	Red – Alex Swan	Purple – Amelia Green	7Em – Emma McGeown	
6CC – Christine Carter	Teal (Pine) – Rebecca Higson	7Acr – Amanda Crump	9JWo – Janice Woodward	
8FB – Freya Ballantyne	Yellow – Julie Macfie-Jones	7Em – Emma McGeown	9NG – Nigel Green	
8CG – Ceara Gilpin	Lime – Jill Clements	9JWo – Janice Woodward	11Aca – Alex Caven	
10JWh – James Wheeler	6CC – Christine Carter	9NG – Nigel Green	11BS – Ben Slater	
10NJ – Nina Jarram	8FB – Freya Ballantyne	11Aca – Alex Caven		
	8CG – Ceara Gilpin	11BS – Ben Slater		
	10JWh – James Wheeler			
	10NJ – Nina Jarram			

Risk Assessment

We have updated our school risk assessment to reflect the most recent guidance available. This risk assessment has been put together with input from staff to ensure that we have identified all potential risks and are taking actions to reduce each risk. This will remain as a live document as guidance continues to be updated. Although schools are fully opening to all pupils, it is crucial that pupils, parents and staff continue to take extra precautions to ensure that we keep the whole school community safe.

Home School Agreement

An amended Home School Agreement is being shared with you. Please make sure you read and understand this document and return it signed to your child's class teacher by Friday 11th of September, in time for when pupils return to school full time on Monday 14th September.

Home to School Transport

Please find along with this letter important information regarding home to school transport.

Back to School Communication for Parents from DfE

The DfE has launched a communications strategy to reassure parents and students that schools and colleges are ready for their return in September. Please find below resources to share that you might find useful.

- Social media posts using #backtoschoolsafely:
<https://twitter.com/educationgovuk/status/1295737399042027530>
<https://www.facebook.com/educationgovuk/photos/a.317627041606420/3191534104215685/?type=3&theater>
- The government website with parental guidance and information www.gov.uk/backtoschool

We can't wait to welcome back all of our young people to school after such a long period. We will be working extremely hard with every pupil to ensure that they reintegrate back into school successfully and enjoy being back in school.

Best wishes,



Mark Rose
Executive Principal