



Orchard Manor School News

OMS Bulletin

School Updates and Communications

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"The Spirit of Easter is all about Hope, Love and Joyful Living." — Unknown

Hello everyone!

So the end of term has arrived in what seems like the blink of an eye. Lots of lovely things have been going on, various reward outings — Paignton Zoo seems to be very popular this term, lots of sports fixtures, travel and life skills training. It has been another term full to the brim of all kinds of experiences and learning for our young people. We had a very successful Red Nose Day where £115 was raised alongside a fantastic red nose themed sports event put on by our PE Team. Outdoor Ed has been out caving and climbing this half term, Lilac Class had a fantastic Holi-Day at Lady's Mile which they thoroughly enjoyed and even our hens had a hutch makeover. There is never a dull day at our school! Of course, as you know, the best way to keep up with the news is to drop in on our [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#) accounts. There you will see lots of photos of the our students learning and having fun.

With the new term on the 17th of April, we begin our revised Mobile Phone and Devices rules which I am sure you have all read about in the recent email home. Our young people are still allowed to use their devices in the taxis to and from school, however when they get into school they must be turned off and put into their bags or handed in until home time.

If you would like to see more information about our new regulations and sanctions for using mobile phones and devices on site, please have a look [here](#) which will take you to our web page. For ease of reference I attach some information regarding the sanctions.

It would really support the teaching and staff team if you would go through these with your child before they come back to ensure they understand the new rules.

The Summer term of course has a lot of activities going on. Our now very successful, now annual, school fete will be held on the 7th of July which I hope you will all come to. As usual we will be looking for stallholders—fingers crossed for good weather—anything apart from this dreadful deluge of Spring Showers. We want sunshine and lots of it!

We will be saying goodbye to our Year 11s after their exams in June. They will have a Prom Night first—date to be confirmed, and then a Leavers Assembly in school in the morning and a Leavers Cream Tea Afternoon Ceremony with parents on the 30th of June. Everyone will be presented with a reminder of their time spent here. Its is a bittersweet day as we send our young people on to their next steps and we are full of pride for them and what they have and will achieve in their future. It is an amazing feeling to know that we have had such an impact on their lives and we know they will all go on to be brilliant at whatever they choose to do.



Both sites will have a Sports Day which parents can come to, to cheer on the teams, and I am sure that the sporting calendar will be packed with exciting events throughout the term too. Its school report time this term too, so watch out for those. The date will be shared nearer the time.

Another important date is the coronation of King Charles III and his wife Camilla. We will mark this historical moment in school with lessons and celebrations in class and we will all be able to watch it live at home.

So, lots to look forward to in the coming months and of course we will welcome everyone back to school on the 17th April at 09:10. Have a super Easter break, relax and recoup, and get ready for a full Summer Term of activities and learning.

With Best wishes **Nicola Jones, Headteacher**

Orchard Manor School Mobile Phone Policy

**Mobile Phones must be OFF in school -
in your bag or handed in**

1 **1ST TIME PHONE IS SEEN**
If it is **OFF** – Asked to put away and **Orange Traffic Light**
If it is **ON** – Asked to put away and **Red Traffic Light**

2 **2ND TIME PHONE IS SEEN**
Phone must be handed in to a member of staff
Red Traffic Light
Parents contacted

3 **3RD TIME PHONE IS SEEN**
Red Traffic light
Pupil attends afterschool session from 3:40–4:30pm
Parents collect pupil after attending meeting

4 **4TH TIME PHONE IS SEEN**
Red Traffic light
Pupil attends afterschool session from 3:40–4:30pm.
Parents collect pupil after attending meeting
Phone ban for 6 weeks.

This could lead to a PERMANENT PHONE BAN