



Orchard Manor School News

# The Apple Press Orchard Manor School Updates and Communications

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## Transitions Update

Hello everyone!

So, we begin to move into the part of the term where we start to get ready for the next year. We say goodbye to some of our pupils and prepare them carefully to transition to the next team who will continue to nurture them and help them develop into the young people we are so proud of. Everyone helps and supports this process in whatever role across the school.

From next week, we will begin to tell students and prepare them for the transition. Parents and Carers will also be contacted by a member of staff who will advise you on which classes your children will be moving to. The new teachers will reach out and contact you to introduce themselves so you will get a chance to find out a little about them and open communication which is so important here at OMS.

Staff have already begun to meet students and form relationships; this will continue with classes, gradually spending more time with their new groups until they are full time with their new teacher wherever possible. All of this is to ease into September and already be familiar with the changes coming.

Existing staff will work with new teachers to complete a careful handover. Curriculum time will focus on building relationships, managing change and will be chance for teachers to begin to assess their new classes.

Special attention will be given to pupils in year 6 and 7 who will be moving into classes based on the upper campus. We do work hard to make sure that students are with the right combination of peers, but we appreciate that it's not always possible to get the perfect fit.

Finally, there is a two-week transition at the end of July. Children and staff will properly move to their new classes and begin the process of forming their new group with their new teachers. They will become familiar with their new environment and get used to new members of staff well in time for the start of the new school year.

Of course we realise that for some people and pupils, transitions are never easy and can cause anxiety. We try to minimise this wherever possible. Please hold onto the knowledge that the investment in time and building relationships now will pay dividends next year. If you have any questions, then please don't hesitate to contact your child's existing class teachers.

## School Reports and Parent Meetings

School reports will be sent home in July with an optional parents meeting will follow if you wish to discuss any aspect of your child's progress and report. We have had feedback from some parents that they would like an opportunity to visit the school while others prefer the convenience of virtual meetings. We are working on a way where we can offer both. We will send you details two weeks before of how to book your timeslot.

**Dates:** w/b 17 June      **Information on class changes will begin to be shared with parents**  
          w/b 1 July         **Reports will start to come out with information regarding Parents Evening**  
          w/b 15 July       **A staggered transition to new classrooms begins and pupils will follow the new curriculum timetable where appropriate**

Any questions—do get in touch with your child's tutor. Have a good weekend! *Nicola Jones, Headteacher*