



*Orchard Manor School News*

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## Supporting Your Child Through Transition: Preparing for the Year Ahead

Hello everyone!

### **Preparing for Transition to the New School Year**

As we approach the final weeks of the term, we are beginning to look ahead and prepare for the new school year. This is a time of mixed emotions, as we say goodbye to some of our pupils and help them move on to their next stage of learning, while welcoming new opportunities and experiences for all.

Supporting children through this transition is something we take very seriously at OMS. It is a whole-school effort, with all staff working together to ensure that pupils feel confident, supported and ready for September.

### **What to Expect**

Over the next couple of weeks, we will begin preparing pupils for their transitions. They will be introduced to their new classes and teachers, and parents and carers will receive information about the class changes. A member of staff will be in touch to confirm your child's new class placement, and new teachers will contact you to introduce themselves and open up those important lines of communication.

Over the coming weeks, staff and pupils will have opportunities to spend time together, gradually building relationships within their new groups. Our aim is to ensure that by the time September arrives, the children already feel comfortable and familiar with their new classmates, teachers and learning spaces.

Existing teachers will work closely with the new teaching teams to share important information and ensure a smooth handover. During this period, lessons will also focus on relationship-building and helping pupils manage change in a positive way.

### **Supporting All Transitions**

Particular attention will be given to pupils moving from Lower Campus onto the Upper Campus. We do our very best to place pupils in the most supportive groupings, although it may not always be possible to create the perfect match for every child.

### **End-of-Term Transition Period**

To further support pupils, we will hold a dedicated two-week transition period at the end of July. During this time, children will fully move into their new classes, meet their new teachers, and begin settling into their new learning environments — giving them a great head start for the new academic year.

### **Looking After Wellbeing**

We understand that transitions can sometimes bring uncertainty and anxiety for both children and families. Please rest assured that we are here to support everyone through this process. The time and care we invest now in building relationships and creating a positive transition experience will make a big difference next year.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss your child's transition in more detail, please don't hesitate to contact their current class teacher.

I hope you have a great weekend everyone!

*Nicola Jones, Headteacher*