



# This is a book to tell you all about **Orchard Manor School**

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Dear New Students and Carers

My hope is, that when you look through this booklet, you get a feel for the wonderful and caring school Orchard Manor is. We pride ourselves on looking after our students, helping them to reach their potential and be prepared to take their next steps with confidence, whatever they go on to do.



Alongside learning within the classroom, we encourage our children to be involved with challenging experiences to enhance their learning and development. We have a lot to offer here including dedicated areas for learning: Horticulture, Forest School, Design and Technology and Sport. In addition we have Outdoor Education Leaders who take the students to experience many things that they would not normally have a chance to do.

We teach Life Skills - Travel Training, for example, learning to use public transport and understanding money, Home Cooking—teaching our young people to be able to cook a simple meal after buying the ingredients at a supermarket, Gardening—learning how to grow vegetables and flowers from seed and many other skills which some of us may take for granted.

The aim of our school is to prepare your child for the next steps, we teach, educate and give your child the skills they need for the future and we love seeing our children learn in our protective environment. We are a like a family here. We celebrate the good things together and we work towards overcoming difficulties — together.

Following our school values, we nurture our young charges to be the best they can be, and we enjoy seeing them grow up and move on to a bright future.

I look forward to welcoming you.

With best wishes

*N.S. Jones*

**Nicola Jones**



*"We live and learn together"*

# Orchard Manor Values



Respect and relationships are some of the first values we learn and develop when we are at school.

We learn to respect people around us and the spaces we are in.

Without respect, we cannot go on to build relationships because respect means that you accept people for who they are, even when they are different from you.

At school, we also learn kindness, to ourselves and our community.

Acts of kindness to those around us makes the world a happier place and can boost feelings of confidence, happiness, and optimism.

Being kind to others contributes to a positive community environment and enables us to build connections within and outside of school.

When we are happy we are healthier, and our health is in fact one of the biggest factors in determining happiness.

Besides feeling good, positive emotions do good things for our brains and bodies.

They lower stress hormones, help ease anxiety, and improve our immune system.

Experiencing positive emotions every day has a big impact on our happiness and wellbeing, which in turn makes us healthier.

**We listen to each other**

**We help each other**

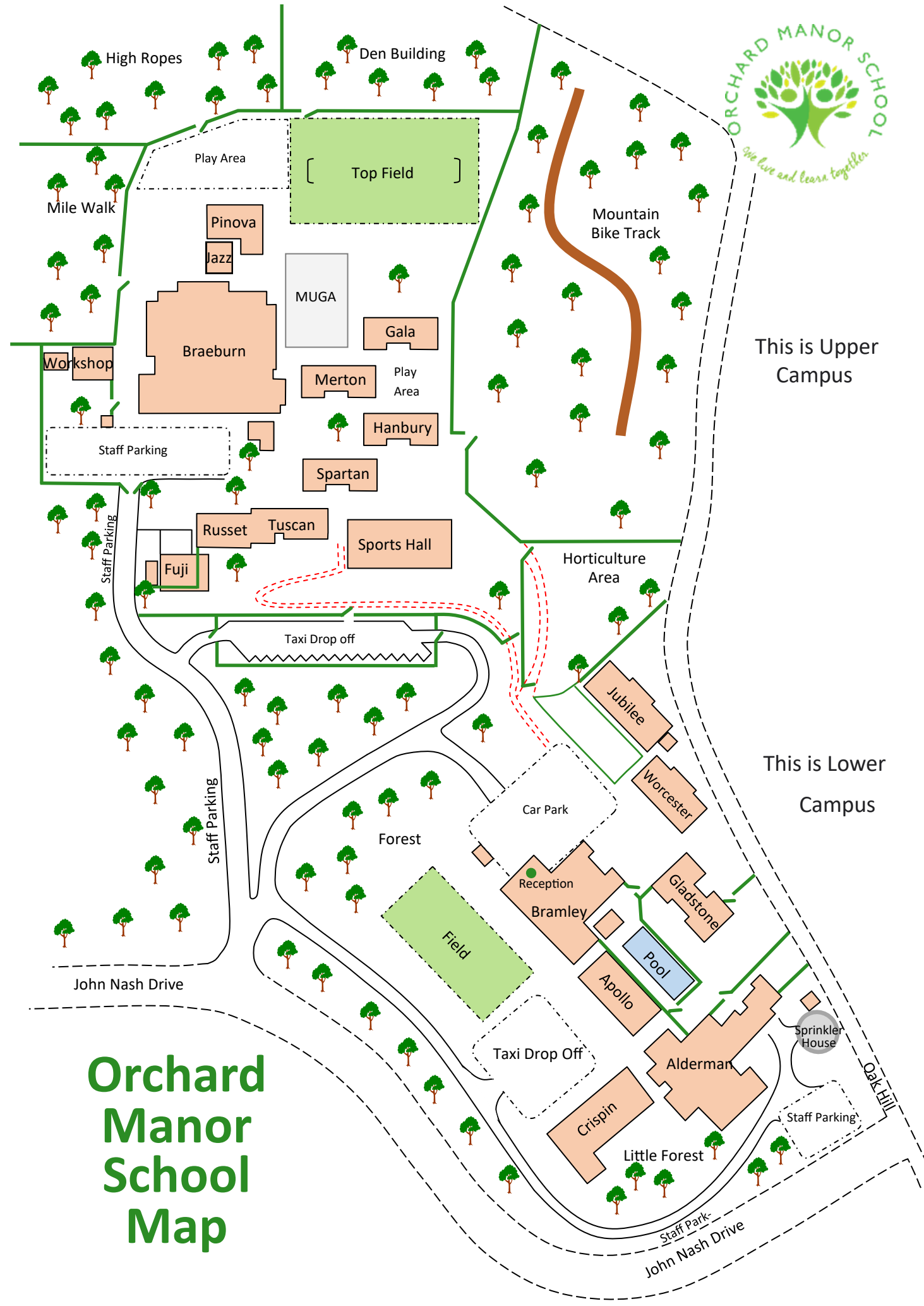
**We are kind to each other**

**We are helped to achieve our best**

**We respect the values and beliefs of others**

**We look after everyone's property**

**We look after our physical health and wellbeing**



This is Upper Campus

This is Lower Campus

# Orchard Manor School Map

John Nash Drive

John Nash Drive

Oak Hill

Sprinkler House

Staff Parking

Taxi Drop Off

Car Park

Taxi Drop off

Staff Parking

Staff Parking

Staff Parking

High Ropes

Den Building

Play Area

Top Field

Mountain Bike Track

Mile Walk

Pinova

Jazz

MUGA

Gala

Braeburn

Merton

Play Area

Workshop

Hanbury

Spartan

Russet

Tuscan

Sports Hall

Fuji

Horticulture Area

Jubilee

Worcester

Forest

Reception

Bramley

Gladstone

Pool

Apollo

Alderman

Crispin

Little Forest

# Orchard Manor School Map

# Our Menu

An army marches on its stomach so they say, and our school is not much different! The food here is exceptionally good. We have an amazing Kitchen Team who cook for us and prepare our packed lunches if we are going out of school for the day.





















The delicious menu rotates every four weeks, and there is always a vegetarian option and pasta, baked potato and salad daily. Everything is homemade and cooked with fresh local produce and the menus are published on our website.

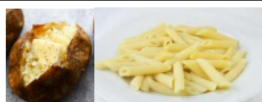
The kitchen pulls out all the stops for celebration days, and we always have a superb Christmas Lunch and we often have an early brunch at the end of term. We have also had lots of theme days, including street parties for the Queens Jubilee and the King and Queen's coronation.

Please note, if your child suffers from allergies, please let us know on the medical forms!

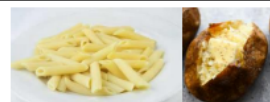


## WEEK FOUR

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Lunch A</b>	<b>Lunch A</b>	<b>Lunch A</b>	<b>Lunch A</b>	<b>Lunch A</b>
 Hot Dog and Onions	 Homemade Pie	 Roast Gammon, Pineapple and Gravy	 Hunters Chicken	 Fish Cakes
<b>Lunch B (V)</b>	<b>Lunch B (V)</b>	<b>Lunch B (V)</b>	<b>Lunch B (V)</b>	<b>Lunch B (V)</b>
 Vegetable Risotto	 Chinese Quorn and Noodle Stir Fry	 Vegetable Tart	 Cheese Pizza	 Veggie Fingers
<b>Sides</b>	<b>Sides</b>	<b>Sides</b>	<b>Sides</b>	<b>Sides</b>
 Potato Wedges, Baby Carrots, Peas and Salad available	 New Pots, Mixed Veg, Green Beans and Salad available	 Roast or Boiled Potatoes, Cauliflower cheese, Carrots, and Salad available	 Diced Herb Pots, Sweetcorn Broccoli and Salad available	 Chips, Spaghetti Hoops and Salad available
<b>Dessert</b>	<b>Dessert</b>	<b>Dessert</b>	<b>Dessert</b>	<b>Dessert</b>
 Chocolate Cracknell, Fruit, Yogurt	 cheesecake, Fruit, Yogurt	 Jelly and Ice cream and Syrup, Fruit, Yogurt	 Traybake & Sauce, Fruit, Yogurt	 Homemade biscuits Fruit, Yogurt



**Jacket Potato & Pasta available daily**  
Weeks beginning 8/5/23, 12/6/23, 10/7/23



# About our School

- We have lots of information on our website: [www.orchardmanor.devon.sch.uk](http://www.orchardmanor.devon.sch.uk)
- Most pupils travel to school by taxi. For more information please contact the School Transport Team on 0345 155 1019 or visit [www.devon.gov.uk/school\\_transport](http://www.devon.gov.uk/school_transport) .
- If your child is not going to be in school for any reason, for Safeguarding reasons, please call the absence line to let us know—01626 862363 and leave a message. Alternatively you can send an email if you prefer — [admin@orchard-manor.org](mailto:admin@orchard-manor.org)
- Class group sizes are smaller than in other schools. There are no more than 10 pupils in each class.
- The school is split into two main sites. You will visit different parts of the school, but your classroom will be on one site which is where you will spend most of your time.
- Some pupils stay at school throughout the week and go home at weekends. These pupils do lots of fun things after school.
- You won't get any homework. If you want to, you can ask for it!



This is our Lower Campus Main Entrance and School Reception



This is our Upper Campus Main Entrance



# School Uniform



Wearing of school uniform is an important part of school life and ours has been chosen after a long consultation with pupils, parents, staff and governors. We do understand the sensory nature of our students however we expect our children to wear it and be proud to do so.

Our uniform comes from Brigade Clothing supplies and is supplied with our Orchard Manor Logo.

Please click on the link below to order.

<https://www.brigade.uk.com/parents/school/OR8244PD/>

The basic uniform is black bottoms, white top, charcoal grey cardigan or jumper, and black shoes. In the summer girls can wear green and white checked summer dresses available through high street stores. The PE uniform is black shorts or joggers and a choice of coloured shirt. More details of the uniform can be found on our [website](#).

# Mobile Phone Policy

Mobile phones have become an intrinsic part of our daily lives, however our primary objective is to ensure that a safe and responsible atmosphere is maintained for both our students and staff to study and work in. It is important to note that the inappropriate use of mobile devices during school hours can be disruptive to the learning process and can pose a significant challenge to the school's overall security and safeguarding efforts.

The rules are as follows:



- Mobile phones must be **turned off** and **put away** whilst on school premises.
- Mobile phones **must not be used at any time** during the school day.
- Mobile phones **can only be used in taxis to and from school**.
- The school accepts **no responsibility for any pupil mobile phones or devices**.
- All mobiles and devices are brought on school premises at the **student's own risk**.
- If students wish to **hand in** their phone, it can be **recharged before collection**.

Failure to follow these rules may lead to sanctions, following our Mobile Phone Policy—full details of which can be found on our website.

# Our School Day

## Monday to Friday School Timetable

09:00 – 09:10	STAFF DAILY BRIEFING
09:10 - 09:25	TUTOR TIME/REGISTRATION/ASSEMBLY
09:25 – 10:05	Lesson 1
10:05 – 10:45	Lesson 2
10:45 – 11:00	BREAK
11:00 – 11:40	Lesson 3
11:40 – 12:20	Lesson 4
12:20 – 13:20	LUNCH
13:20 – 13:25	TUTOR TIME/REGISTRATION
13:25 - 14:05	Lesson 5
14:05 – 14:45	Lesson 6
14:45 - 15:25	Lesson 7
15:25 - 15:35	TUTOR TIME



*Have a good weekend!  
See you Monday!*

## Last Day of Term

**We always end the last day of term just after lunch.**

09:00 – 09:10	STAFF DAILY BRIEFING
09:10 - 09:25	TUTOR TIME/ REGISTRATION/ASSEMBLY
09:25 – 10:05	Lesson 1
10:05 – 10:45	Lesson 2
10:45 – 11:00	BREAK
11:00 – 11:40	Lesson 3
11:40 – 12:20	Lesson 4
12:20 – 13:00	LUNCH AND STUDENTS LEAVE FOR THE HOLIDAY

*Happy Holidays!  
See you next term!*



# Some of the faces you will see around School

We are a friendly bunch at Orchard Manor School. Students call us by our first names and we always say hello to whoever we meet. We like to be greeted too.

Here are a few photos of some of the people who work here. If you wanted to, I expect you could meet everyone eventually. But to start you off, here are some of the most important people: If you see them give them a big wave to say hi!



This is **Bryan Webster**. He is one of our Deputy Headteachers. Bryan mainly works on the Lower Campus. He is very busy, but always makes time to join in with everything.



This is **Jo Hill** our Deputy Head on the Upper Campus which is where she mainly works. She is always smiling and is very nice to talk to.

This is **Helen Way**. She is our Counsellor. You can talk to her about anything and she is here to help you if you need her. She even has owl puppets to play with!



This is **Lisza Dodds**, our Behaviour and Transition Lead. She is an expert at helping people settle in and is always around if you just want to have a chat.



This is **Miesha**. She is our Family Liaison Officer and works closely with your family to make sure you get everything you need, to help you be happy and really enjoy school.

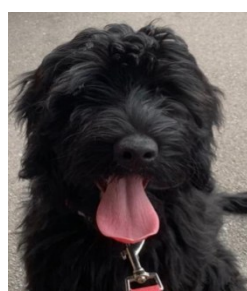



This is **Julie Trick** and she is our Receptionist. Julie welcomes all of our visitors and makes sure that everyone who comes is signed in properly.

This is **Rob Irving**. He is a HLTA but does lots of jobs—from the Taxis to looking after the computers and iPads. He always has a radio and can run very fast!



This is **Josie Parkin**. Josie is one of our SALT Team. That means she helps our students with Speech and Language Therapy. She always has fun games to do to help you learn.



And this is **Star!** Our Therapy dog. She is very friendly and you can meet her if you want. 

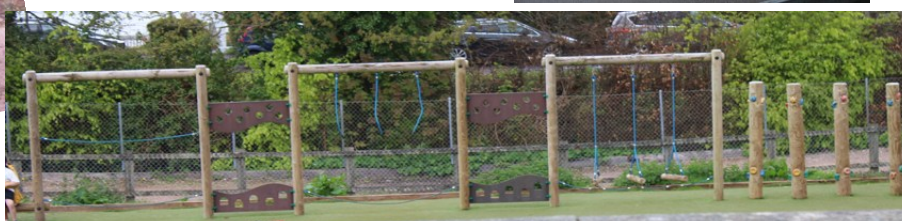
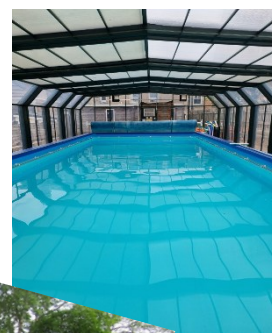
# More of the faces you will see around School



Our Crazy PE Team is made up of Steve Dinney, Catherine Kilburn, Ian Patchet and Harley Tootell-Morgan. They make exercise fun. They are always organising something good to do—from football tournaments to archery. They like to dress up a lot as you can see! We do lots of sport here at OMS. I am

sure you will love trying all the new things.

Talking about PE, we have a swimming pool and a brand new sports hall as well as lots of things in the grounds of the school that can help you to keep active.



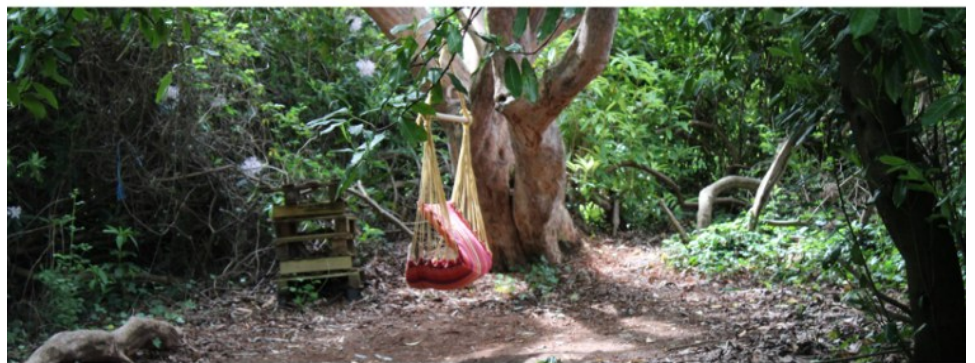
# Forest School



Forest School is found deep in the Rhododendron woods and is a place where you can toast marshmallows, make mud pies, look at the wild life, make leaf patterns, watch the birds cut wood, make crafts or just enjoy being close to nature.

It has canvas shelters, climbing trees, a tree house, swings and a fire with wooden tree trunk seats around, bird boxes and bug hotels.

Everyone loves going to Forest School.

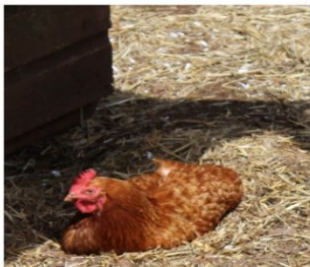


# Horticulture

Horticulture is on a new site since the Sports Hall has been built but the area has been tended well and cultivated by Cathy Johnston who is our green fingered instructor.

Cathy seems to make anything grow. You can find her in the poly tunnel, making raised beds, carving out paths, tending chickens and harvesting vegetables.

All the children love working in horticulture, getting close to nature, planting seeds, seeing things grow and just being outside in the sunshine (and the rain!)



# Some of the Places Around School

## Playgrounds and Gardens



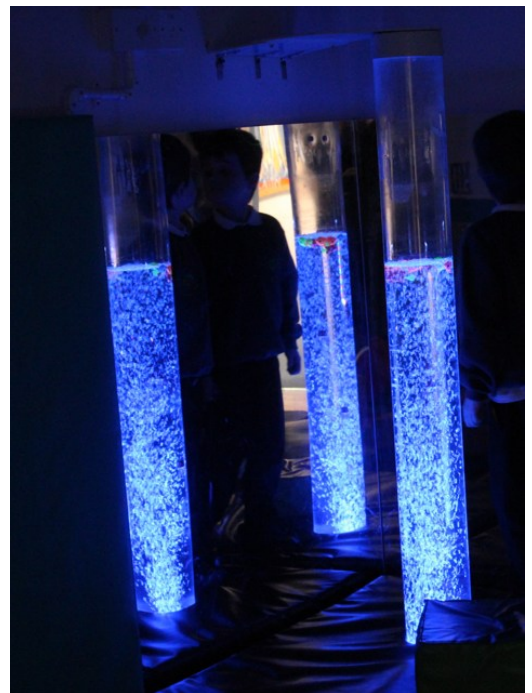
# Playing Fields



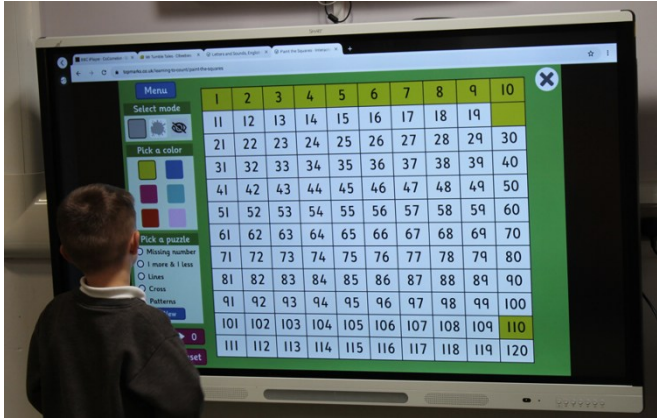
# Home Cooking Room and Café



# Quiet Spaces



# Class Rooms and Corridors





**Dining Room**



**Reception**



**Visitors Car Park**

# This is what we get up to in school!



# Where are we?



Orchard Manor School is in Dawlish, which is in the county of Devon. Using this old postcard map, drawn by M F Peck, can you find Dawlish?

It is close to the sea.

Can you find any other places you have been to on this map?



We hope you have enjoyed finding out more about your new school.

We can't wait to meet you!

If you want to see more pictures of what we do follow us on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/OrchardManorSchool>