

# The Orchards Primary Academy

## Newsletter

4<sup>th</sup> September 2020 / Autumn Term



Dear Parents/Carers

Firstly, a huge welcome back to all of our children and families! It has been so wonderful to see the children coming through the gates for the last 2 days.

I would also like to thank everyone for being so supportive and understanding with the new arrival and collection arrangements for the children. I know that this is completely different to the way in which we usually work, but it is vital that we all work together on this to ensure we can keep everyone as safe as possible. With this in mind, I must remind you that children MUST arrive and be collected from school at their designated time and gate. This is to ensure that congregation of people is minimised and also so that staff who are collecting children from the gate, are able to take the children in altogether and not have to wait for children to arrive. Children arriving late will compromise the safety of other children and adults.

Attached to this newsletter, is a school dinner menu for the week beginning 7<sup>th</sup> September. We are providing a hot option and sandwiches each day. Your child will need to pre-order their choice during registration each day so please go through it with your child,

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Carrier

### Reminders

Children must be in the correct school uniform consisting of white polo shirt, grey skirt / trousers and blue jumper. Black school shoes are required; no trainers or boots. Ties are not required for the Autumn Term.

In a change to the usual arrangements, children will need to wear their PE kit on the day of their PE session. The timetable for each class is on page 2 of this letter.

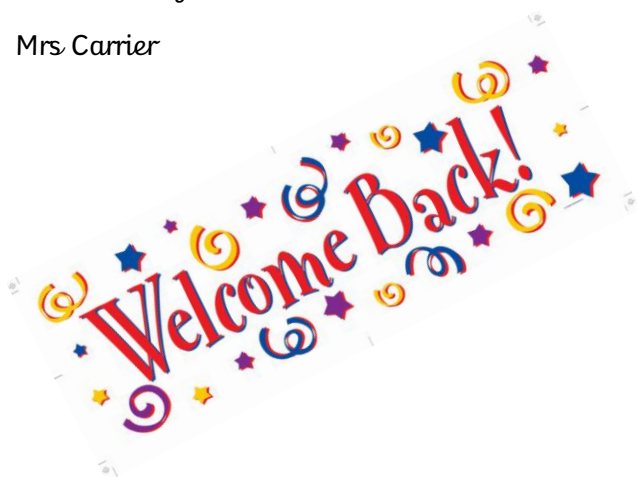
We are currently unable to provide tuck at playtimes for the KS2 children. Please send your child in with a healthy snack that they can have at break.

The free fruit scheme has been paused by Birmingham City Council for our KS1 pupils, so please send your child in with a piece of fruit or healthy snack until this resumes.

We are aware of rumours circulating online about how children with suspected Coronavirus will be dealt with in school. These messages are intended to mislead and will not be the procedure that is followed within The Orchards. The following links are useful for Parents to access in order to alleviate any worries:

<https://twitter.com/BhamCityCouncil/status/1300831895249395715>

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=799020854258788>



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Class Bubble	Arrival Time	Collection Time	Drop Off & Collection Point
Year 1	8.40am	3.10pm	KS1 Infant gate
Year 2	8.50am	3.20pm	KS1 Infant gate
Year 3	8.40am	3.10pm	KS2 Junior gate
Year 4	8.50am	3.20pm	KS2 Junior gate
Year 5	9am	3.30pm	KS2 junior gate
Year 6	9.10am	3.40pm	KS2 Junior gate

### Nursery (KS2 Junior Gate) and Reception (KS1 Infant gate)

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September, 8.30am – 12.00pm

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September, 8.30am – 12.00pm

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September 8.30am – 3.00pm every day

### Class Bubble PE Sessions

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 4	Year 3	Year 6 Year 1	Year 2	Year 5

Please ensure that your child wears their PE kit to school on their PE day.

### Attendance

Number for reporting absences 0121 464 4302

Mr Hadley. School should be informed of absences before 9.30am on each day of absence.

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