



Free School Meals

Are you entitled?

Please ask at the office if you think you may be entitled.



School Meals are **£2.35** per day. Don't forget - if your child is now in Year 3, you will have to pay unless you qualify for Free School Meals.

Newsletter



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A very warm welcome to all the Orchard families. It was lovely to see all our young people returning to school with shiny shoes and smiles on their faces. We would like to extend a special welcome to our new Reception and Nursery families, we hope that this will be the start of a long and happy relationship.



Every school day is important, and at Orchard Primary School we take the attendance of our children seriously. Please remember to let the school office know before 9.30 if your child is ill. We do not authorise any holidays during term time and the Local Authority will follow up with fines. We will phone home and do home visits if we cannot make contact. If we are still concerned, the police will do a welfare check.

LOOKING SMART AT ORCHARD

Thank you to everybody for sending their children back to school looking so smart.

Many children are now wearing the royal blue polo top. Please remember that the school colour is **royal blue**, the same as the sweatshirts, not **pale blue**.

Children must have a PE kit in school – white T-shirt and black shorts, with black plimsolls or trainers.

Please ensure that the uniform you buy for your child is appropriate for a child to play, run-about or sit on the carpet in. Also check that they can manage their uniform when going to the toilet, or changing for PE.

I have noticed some of the KS2 girls wearing particularly short skirts. This is not advisable, and I would ask you to make sure that the skirts are of a sensible length. Last term we had a number of children wearing the all-in-one dress/short suits. These proved to be problematic and we had a number of toilet accidents, because they could not get out of these outfits in time.

Hair accessories should be royal blue, black or white, and should not be too big. A

reminder too that hair styles should not be extreme and hair should not be coloured.

ORCHARD DAILY MILE

All KS1 and 2 children will be taking part in the daily mile, beginning next week, and this will happen at the beginning of break time. Break time has been extended to enable the children to both take part in the daily mile and have their break. They will need to change into trainers/plimsolls every day.

A wide range of clubs will again be on offer to the children. We aim to get the forms out sometime next week. If your child took part in Street Dance, Karate, Boxing or Judo clubs last year, they will be able to continue and these clubs will begin next week.

PARENT PAY

The school no longer has facilities to accept cash, so all payments must be paid online via ParentPay. Reception and Nursery parents will soon be receiving details to sign up for this free service. Please make sure that the school has your up-to date email address, as school letters will now be emailed via ParentPay and we will not be producing paper copies.

Reminders

- Coats for the colder weather
- PE kit
- No dogs on school grounds please
- Label all clothes so that we can reunite lost clothes with their owners.
- Please park considerately