

Orchard's C of E Academy

Weekly Parent Bulletin

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Our Christian Value for this Half Term is **Respect**

Dates for the Diary

21st July Last school day before Summer Holiday

3rd September INSET

4th September INSET

7th September First day of Autumn Term

Phased Reopening of School – for Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6

It has been lovely to welcome so many more children back into school this week. We now have classes in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 up and running – the children back in school have behaved brilliantly in the circumstances, and have been very enthusiastic about cracking on with their learning.

Given the social distancing restrictions in classrooms, we are very near to capacity at the moment – including in our key worker classes. We will, of course, endeavour to get your child back into school if you contact us – assuming your child is part of an eligible year group or you can provide proof of key worker status for both parents – but it might be that we have to put your child on a waiting list if there is no capacity in the relevant year group.

Key Worker Status

We know that the Government is now encouraging more and more people to go back to work if they are able to, and they are not able to work from home. However, the definition of 'key worker' remains unchanged. If your child is not in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 or Year 6, they will only be able to return to school if the jobs of both parents falls into one of the following categories:

Health and social care

This includes, but is not limited to, doctors, nurses, midwives, paramedics, social workers, care workers, and other frontline health and social care staff including volunteers; the support and specialist staff required to maintain the UK's health and social care sector; those working as part of the health and social care supply chain, including producers and distributors of medicines and medical and personal protective equipment.

Education and childcare

This includes:

- *childcare*
- *support and teaching staff*
- *social workers*
- *specialist education professionals who must remain active during the COVID-19 response to deliver this approach*

Key public services

This includes:

- *those essential to the running of the justice system*
- *religious staff*
- *charities and workers delivering key frontline services*
- *those responsible for the management of the deceased*
- *journalists and broadcasters who are providing public service broadcasting*

Local and national government

This only includes:

- *those administrative occupations essential to the effective delivery of the COVID-19 response*
- *or delivering essential public services, such as the payment of benefits, including in government agencies and arms' length bodies*

Food and other necessary goods

This includes those involved in food:

- *production*
- *processing*
- *distribution*
- *sale and delivery*
- *as well as those essential to the provision of other key goods (for example hygienic and veterinary medicines)*

Public safety and national security

This includes:

- *police and support staff*
- *Ministry of Defence civilians*
- *contractor and armed forces personnel (those critical to the delivery of key defence and national security outputs and essential to the response to the COVID-19 outbreak)*
- *fire and rescue service employees (including support staff)*
- *National Crime Agency staff*
- *those maintaining border security, prison and probation staff and other national security roles, including those overseas*

Transport

This includes those who will keep the air, water, road and rail passenger and freight transport modes operating during the COVID-19 response, including those working on transport systems through which supply chains pass.

Utilities, communication and financial services

This includes:

- *staff needed for essential financial services provision (including but not limited to workers in banks, building societies and financial market infrastructure)*
- *the oil, gas, electricity and water sectors (including sewerage)*
- *information technology and data infrastructure sector and primary industry supplies to continue during the COVID-19 response*
- *key staff working in the civil nuclear, chemicals, telecommunications (including but not limited to network operations, field engineering, call centre staff, IT and data infrastructure, 999 and 111 critical services)*
- *postal services and delivery*
- *payments providers*
- *waste disposal sectors*

We will not be able to accept the children of parents whose jobs fall outside of the above categories at this point, and we will require you to provide proof of your key worker status.

Drop-Off / Pick Up

Generally speaking, drop off and pick up times have gone very well this week. Please don't turn up too early for your time slot, as this leads to larger groups congregating than is sensible during these times of social distancing. Many thanks for your continued support with this.

Stars of the Week

Well done to all the children for their hard work this week. The following children were particularly celebrated for their effort and achievement either for their home learning or the work they have completed back in class.

Early Years – Cassidy in Acorn; Karolis in Apple; Nedas in Cherry.

Key Stage 1 – Orestas in Pine; Dominiks in Willow; Hollie (Y1) and Daniela (Y2) in Hazel; Leah (Y1) and Amelia (Y2) in Maple.

Key Stage 2 – Leon in Almond; Ingrida in Hawthorn; Alens in Laburnum; Steph (Y4) and Arturs (Y6) in Holly; Nicolau in Juniper; Wiktorja (Y5) and Harry (Y6) in Cypress; Alfie (Y5) and Abbie-May (Y6) in Elm; Kajus in Ash; Finley in Cedar; Danielle in Oak; Frank and Timur in Yew.

Key Worker Groups - Arnas, Richard, Brian, Dennis and Jamie.

Learn Together Cambridgeshire

Getting Back to School – the campaign to support parents in getting their children ‘back to school ready’. Colleagues across our Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Education & Social Care teams, and Partners, have been working on a campaign to help parents feel supported in preparing their children for the return to school. It is aimed at primary and secondary aged children, and offers advice around seven key themes (listed below) There are graphics, animations and links to supporting resources. New content is uploaded each week.

Theme 1 is now live, giving some light touch opening headlines for parents. The 7 themes are general introduction, emotional health, anxiety and wellbeing, use of IT, sleep support, routines and boundaries, healthy eating and sustainable travel.

Learn Together Cambridgeshire can be found at <https://www.cambslearntogether.co.uk/recovery-plan/getting-back-to-school-our-campaign-for-schools-and-parents-1>

Quiz Time

Here are 20 quiz questions to keep our older children (or any parent who fancies having a go) busy. Please email your answers to your child’s class teacher through the link on the class page of the website. You (or your child) will get 1 Dojo point for each correct answer. I’ll put the answers on here next week.

1. In which country are the holy cities of Mecca and Medina?
2. What is the line of latitude that runs round the centre of the world called?
3. To the nearest 5 miles or 10 kilometres, how far is Paris from London?
4. In which novel do Mole, Rat and Toad appear?
5. What is the collective noun for kittens?
6. What title was given to the rulers of ancient Egypt?
7. What is the name of Shrek’s wife?
8. Which is the only type of mammal that can fly?
9. Are Zebras black with white stripes or white with black stripes?
10. Which gas makes up almost 80% of the air we breathe?
11. Where would you find the Sea of Tranquillity and the Ocean of Storms?
12. Bull fighting is a sport in which country
13. Name the largest bird in the world
14. Which country has a maple leaf on its flag?
15. What are the five colours of the Olympic Ring
16. Name the longest river in the world
17. The Aurora Borealis is more commonly known as?
18. Name any European country that is not using the Euro as its currency
19. In what year did the Titanic sink?
20. What colour is chlorophyll?

The answers to last week’s quiz were as follows:

1. A cub
2. Green
3. 6
4. Egypt
5. 10 Downing Street
6. Canberra
7. Bicycle Race
8. The Globe
9. Boris Johnson. The Conservative Party.
10. The Labour Party
11. Van Gough
12. Hedwig
13. Chimney Sweep
14. Green
15. Richard Branson
16. Red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, violet?
17. Tadpoles
18. The Willow

- 19. Boomerang
- 20. Loch Ness

And Finally...

Now we are open to more pupils, testing is being made available to anyone showing symptoms of Coronavirus. Please remember to stick to all guidance and to immediately self-isolate if anyone in your household shows symptoms and let the school know as soon as possible.



Thank you for all the support you provide for the children and our academy!





Cambridgeshire
County Council

Do you need support and someone to listen

Contact me to talk through ;

Parenting strategies

Challenging behaviour

Home learning routines

Special Educational Needs Support

Emotional and wellbeing Advice

Screen time / gaming battles

Healthy Eating

Sleep

Your local Early Intervention Family Worker can support you

During Covid-19 restrictions

Support is offered via telephone, emails , post or skype

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