

Orchards Junior School



Being the best we can be ...not in the world but for the world

Transition to Junior School September 2023

The purpose of this letter is firstly to convey to you my best wishes for your child's forthcoming transfer to us in September to **Year 3** and to emphasise how importantly we regard the preparation for that transfer.

I would like to remind you of the New Parents Evening we will be holding on **Thursday 29th June 2023 at 6:00pm**. The evening forms a part of two major initiatives at the school. You will have the opportunity to listen to a presentation giving you information about the school, learn which classroom your child is in and meet their teacher. There will also be the chance to discuss individual issues that may be of relevance with a variety of school staff and hopefully this will be the beginning of a positive communication process between the school and parents where information and views can be exchanged. The future success of the school will be heavily influenced by the next cohort of children and parents. We believe that a key factor in that success will be the strong bond between home and school.

The second major initiative is, as part of our induction programme for the new children, the year leader will visit them in their current schools and speak to their class teachers in order to benefit from the knowledge and understanding of your child that has been gathered over the past two or three years.

The second purpose of this letter is to invite you to bring your child to our school on **Wednesday 5th July 2023 for an 8.45am start** where they will meet their class teacher, begin a day of activities that have been organised and make preparations for the start of school in September. Please wait at the playground gates with your child until they are escorted into school by a member of staff. Your child should be dressed in their current school uniform and if your child requires a free school meal, please indicate on the pupil information form or send them with a packed lunch. We would ask that you collect your son or daughter from the playground at 2.30pm.

With this letter you will find:

1. School Place Acceptance Form.
2. Pupil Information Form.
3. Pupil Information Form for new teacher.
4. An Orchards Information Booklet.
5. An Orchards Transition Booklet.

For confirmation of your acceptance for a school place at The Orchards for your child, please complete and return your completed forms to Mrs Carter at the school **as soon as possible**. Please also make sure we have a current e-mail address for you so we can keep in touch.

We will be selling school jumpers/cardigans/slipovers on New Parents Evening, or alternatively these can be bought from the school reception at any other time.

Also, we will set up a **Transition Year 2 to 3 2023 page** on our website, which will be available by the end of June, and this will keep you up to date with everything.

I look forward to seeing you on the evening where you will be stunned by our sheer professionalism and my new suit! Throughout it all, do your best to keep the Sparkle! ✨

Yours sincerely,

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