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The Orchard School

HEADTEACHER UPDATE

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News

Thank you to all families for their support this half term. I wish you all a lovely break and hope that the weather improves so we can enjoy some time outside.

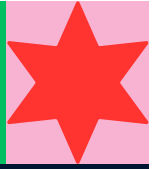
Personal and Intimate Care Policy

Following the information on my previous letter regarding the personal and intimate care policy I wanted to clarify a questions which has been raised. The main question is around the paragraph:

'Following advice and guidance from Community Children's Nurses (CCNs), pupils requiring routine intimate care, unless there is an urgent need, will be changed once during the school day.'

This has always been the case and was in the previous policy. I want to reassure parents though that if pupils have soiled or are very wet we will do additional changing. This is also the case for pupils who are being toilet trained as they will be taken to the toilet on a much more regular basis and changed as appropriate.

Orchard Parent Pit Stop



Tuesday 10th March

The parent council have organised a parent drop in session where parents can meet each other to offer support and guidance to each other. They would love to see you there!

The poster features a light blue and light orange background with a diagonal split. At the top left is a smiling coffee cup with eyes, and at the top right is a cupcake with pink frosting and a cherry. The title 'Orchard Parent Pit Stop' is written in a large, blue, outlined font. Below the title are three questions in red and green text. A central image shows several hands stacked together. At the bottom, the date and time are written in a large, blue, outlined font.

Orchard Parent Pit Stop

Do you feel like you are navigating this SEND/ Complex need/ PMLD journey on your own?

You have friends and family who support but they don't really understand the struggles and the pressure!

You have no support and feel like you are drowning?

We get it!

A photograph showing several hands of different skin tones stacked together in a circle, symbolizing support and community.

Parent Pit stop is a new Parent Only drop in session, ran by existing Orchard parents for all other Orchard Parents.

A safe space to Laugh, Cry and meet other parents.

Talk about similar issues, get advise and build friendships.

Tuesday 10th March

9.30am till 11am

Attendance Matters



The Orchard School's attendance target is 92%

The whole school attendance for last week was 88.6%

The whole school attendance for this academic year is 89.1%

Key Dates



Below are the key dates for this term. More information will follow.
Please note dates are subject to change.

Monday 23 rd February	Pupils return to school
Wednesday 4 th March	Holi Colour Run
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day
Monday 9 th March	Science Week
Thursday 12 th March	Parent Activity Morning - Mothers Day
Friday 27 th March	Easter celebration day
Friday 27 th March	Break up for Easter Holiday
Monday 13 th April	Pupils return to school