



Orchard Community Trust

Update on the full opening of schools

To all Parents and Carers in our schools,

Very, many thanks again for all of your hard work and your efforts to support our schools last term. This is really very much appreciated by our schools.

As you know the Government have said that all schools in England will only be open to key worker pupils and pupils deemed to be vulnerable at the start of this term, the Spring Term of 2021 and I am pleased to let you know that all of the 7 schools in the Orchard Community Trust are now open to these pupils to attend and each school, will have let you know the arrangements for your child to attend school, if appropriate. The school will also have informed you of their policy and arrangements for remote learning at home.

All of the schools will, as before, continue to follow the latest Government and public health guidance very carefully and have detailed plans and risk assessments in place to ensure that we can keep children, staff and parents as safe as we possibly can. Once again, you may well see some new rules and arrangements in place for you and your children when they come back to school this term, these are all in place to ensure we all stay safe and well.

Provision will be made by each school for pupils who are eligible for free school meals, whether they are attending school or learning remotely from home, so please check the information given to you by the school regarding this.

Please ensure that you read all letters and information sent to parents and carers regarding attendance at school and remote learning at home. This will help schools to ensure that communications are clear and that things run as smoothly as possible

Should you have any concerns regarding the situation with your child and/or the schools, then please do not hesitate to contact the school to discuss this with them.

The Trust will keep the information on its website updated to ensure that parents are well informed regarding our schools

As ever, many thanks once again for all of your patience and support during this challenging period. We really appreciate this.

Yours sincerely,

Rob Johnstone-Senior Executive Leader with the Orchard Community Trust.

