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Dear parents and carers

I hope you have had a good Spring/Easter holiday with your children so far. This letter is to remind you that we are looking forward to welcoming all Orchard students back to school on Monday 19 April.

### Uniform

Thank you for ensuring your children are in the correct uniform, carrying bags, planners, and pencil cases into school, and remembering the right exercise/textbooks they need for lessons. There are still some lockers available – just purchase one via ParentPay if your child's bag is getting heavy.

A reminder that students will have their uniform checked on the way into school from now onwards – and staff will be looking particularly at school shoes, school trousers, pleated skirts and no nose piercings. 90% of our students are in perfect uniform; thank you to parents and carers for your support with moving this to 100%.

### Face Coverings (Masks)

The government has extended the period of time when face masks are required in school. Students should continue to wear face coverings in school. Please remind your children to pack a spare mask too.

### Lateral Flow Tests

Before returning to school, please remind your children to carry out a lateral flow test and register it on the NHS Report Test site. We recommend all students carry out a test on Sunday evening, so they don't rush on Monday morning as they are getting ready for their first day back.

### Ramadan

Ramadan Mubarak to all our Muslim students and families! The holy month of Ramadan is with us again, and we wish you all a happy and peaceful time. We have prayer spaces available in school if you want your child to pray during school hours. Our staff are aware of how we can support students over Ramadan, but if you have any particular questions about your child, please contact your Pastoral Manager.

With best wishes

Julia Hinchliffe, Headteacher

