

## Orchard School Bristol

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Dear parents and carers

Thank you for managing through the third week of lockdown with your children remote learning. All the positive feedback you have sent us has been **so** welcome for our hard-working staff. I know many of you have received phone calls and emails this week, and a team of staff have also gone out with home visits to make sure children's precious exercise books are delivered so students can work directly into them during their home learning. We are now halfway through this term and we do appreciate your ongoing support.

### Remote Learning

Almost every child is now accessing their lessons online through the day. Well done to mums, dads and carers for all your help with this! We are continuing to monitor attendance and engagement at lessons. Our intention is to feed back to parents which lessons your child is attending and where our young people may have dipped out for some lessons in the week. This is so that we can all work together on ensuring your child does not miss out on learning.

### What if my child is ill and unable to attend lessons one day?

Please do phone or email in if your child is unwell.

Absence line: **0117 377 2021** or Email: [info@orchard.tila.school](mailto:info@orchard.tila.school)

This means that we can inform teachers and pastoral staff so they don't mark your child as not attending, and teachers know your son's/daughter's work may be later coming in.

### Tutor phone calls

Tutors are now making Teams calls to students one-to-one in afternoon tutor time. These are booked in advance so your son/daughter should soon be able to tell you when their tutorial is over the next week. If you wish to be present in the call, that's fine. We're happy with cameras off but sound on, so please don't worry about tidying rooms!

### Free School Meal Vouchers

Parents of children eligible for Free School Meals should now have received their vouchers for 18th - 29th January. We chose to send 2 weeks at a time so we can support anyone who might need help redeeming vouchers through Edenred, and to ensure email addresses are still accurate. Please note where you have 2 or more children attending Orchard, the voucher may only be addressed to one (as this is a limitation of the Edenred site) but you should still receive your full allocation of £30 per child for the 2-week period. Further parent help can be found here: [Parents and carers | Free school meals voucher information \(edenred.co.uk\)](#)

With my best wishes for a good weekend.

Julia Hinchliffe, Headteacher

