

3 January 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 6 Parents / Carers Information Event – Wednesday 21st October

Recently, our Year 6 pupils have completed practice assessments similar to those they will do as part of their SATs in May 2021.

Teachers have now marked these tests and analysed the pupils' results. Perhaps unsurprisingly, with many children being out of school for such a long time, we now know with some certainty that *most* of our children are quite some way behind where we would normally expect them to be at the beginning of Year 6.

Please be assured that this is not just an issue with children attending Orchard but has been the case at other schools who did the same tests within our Academy Trust group.

We want to help our children 'catch-up' as best and as quickly as we can. To do this, **we will need your help and support.**

For this reason, we are inviting you to an online, one-of-a-kind Parents / Carers Information event this Wednesday, 21st October from 4:00p.m. to 4:30p.m.

Using **Microsoft Teams**, we will deliver information on the following topics:

- Outline of SATs and what to expect (including dates).
- When more practice SATs will take place
- Intervention groups.
- How parents can support with their children's planners and reading
- Ideas to help with your child's maths and English learning at home.

There will also be the opportunity to submit questions throughout the event. The most common / relevant questions will be passed to our presenters by a staff member and will be answered live.

Children do not need to watch the event with you. This event is to give information to parents / carers only.

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Please see the following link to learn **how** you can attend our event:

<https://bit.ly/34aWIHZ>

Just before 4:00pm on Wednesday, you can head to the link below from a smartphone, tablet, laptop, P.C. or Mac to **join our Event**:

<https://bit.ly/31loFFY>

This link will be texted to you on Wednesday.

Please note that joining the event is like streaming a video to your device. Depending on your mobile phone / tablet's data contract, additional charges from your network operator may be imposed if you exceed your monthly data allowance whilst at the event. Orchard Academy cannot be held responsible for any additional charges incurred if you exceed your allocated mobile data allowance during our event.

We very much hope to see you on Wednesday. Please be aware that individual parent / carer consultations will take place over Teams with you child's teacher after half term. Look out for another letter about this later in the week.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. C. Brown
Headteacher
Orchard Academy



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Child's name _____

Class Teacher _____

I/ WE WILL join the Year 6 Parents / Carers Information Event on Wednesday 21st October at 4:00p.m. until 4:30p.m.

I/ WE WILL NOT be able to attend the Year 6 Parents / Carers Information Event on Wednesday 21st October.

I understand I/ we will need to join the event using an electronic device by clicking the link shown below (and on the letter above).

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Signed _____

Date _____

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