Ordsall Primary School

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Play, Learn and Grow...Together!

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the 2026-27 Academic Year

I hope that you have all had a wonderful summer break and have been able to enjoy some quality time together as a family.

We are incredibly excited to welcome everyone back to Ordsall Primary School on Thursday 3rd September for the start of a new academic year. It is always lovely to see the children return, hear about their summer adventures and see them settling into their new classes. Our staff have been working hard to prepare for the year ahead and we are looking forward to another busy and exciting year of Playing, Learning and Growing Together.

I would also like to extend a very warm welcome to all of the new children and families joining Ordsall Primary School this year. Whether your child is beginning their school journey with us in Nursery or Reception, or joining us in another year group, we are delighted to have you as part of the Ordsall community. We hope that you and your children quickly feel at home and we look forward to getting to know you over the coming weeks.

School Trips and Residentials

We are really pleased that every year group will have the opportunity to take part in a school trip this year, with our Year 5 and Year 6 children having their residential experiences.

We know how valuable these opportunities are. Trips and residentials give children experiences beyond the classroom, help bring their learning to life and create memories that can stay with them for many years.

We are also very conscious that prices continue to rise and that this affects both families and the cost of providing school trips. Despite these increasing costs, we do not want our children to miss out on the fantastic opportunities that these experiences provide.

To support families as much as possible, our planned trips will be set up on Arbor over the next few weeks, with payment options made available well in advance. We hope that giving parents and carers as much notice as possible will provide the opportunity to spread payments over a longer period rather than having to find the full cost closer to the date of a trip.

Further information about individual trips, including dates and arrangements, will be shared by year-group teams.

Attendance and Punctuality

As we begin the new school year, I would also like to remind everyone of the importance of good attendance and punctuality.

Regular attendance at school makes a significant difference to children's learning, progress and wellbeing. Even relatively small amounts of time away from school can quickly add up and result in children missing important learning.

Please ensure that family holidays are not booked during term time. Holidays during term time will not authorised and we ask all families to use the published school holiday periods when planning trips away. Also, a reminder that we have three INSET days at the end of the year which we hope will support with your holiday planning.

It is equally important that children arrive at school on time each day. School starts at 8.45am and children should be in school and ready to begin their learning at this time. Arriving late can mean missing the start of lessons and can also be unsettling for children as they enter a classroom where learning has already begun.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us to give every child the best possible opportunity to succeed.

Bikes and Scooters on the School Site

Finally, a reminder that bikes and scooters must not be ridden on the school site.

We are very happy for children and families to cycle or scoot to school, but once you reach the school gates, please dismount and walk with bikes and scooters. This is particularly important at the beginning and end of the school day when the site is extremely busy with children and families.

Thank you for helping us to keep everyone safe.

Looking Forward to the Year Ahead

There is lots to look forward to this year and we are excited about the opportunities and experiences that we have planned for the children. As always, we really value the support and partnership of our parents and carers and look forward to working together throughout the year.

We hope that all of our children have a fantastic start to the new school year and that 2026/27 is a happy, successful and memorable year for everyone at Ordsall Primary School.

Kind regards,

Karl Hopkinson



Headteacher