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Dear Parent/ Carer,

I hope this letter finds you and your families well and in good health. Please see below some key messages to end the week.

Lanyard focus for next week

As you will be aware, we have been focussing on Uniform and Equipment since we returned in March. This has resulted in students taking a greater responsibility for their uniform and also ensuring they are ready to learn. The routines and expectation have supported learning in the classroom. In addition, to support students with meeting the expectations, we have provided equipment where necessary including purchasing extra stationary and loaning out calculators to students until the end of the academic year.

Our focus for next week is to ensure all students have the correct lanyard and wearing it at all times unless it is a health and safety hazard e.g. in a practical lesson. In larger settings, lanyards are important for identification of an individual, the year group they belong to and the card supports students to pay for lunches. Please support us with this focus by ensuring students are not forgetting them at home and arrange for cards to be organised if required. We will be supporting students with the lanyard and cardholders this morning in preparation for next week. Please do get in touch if you require any further clarification or support on this matter.

The Big Ask

As some of you will be aware, The new Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza, has launched [The Big Ask](#) – the largest ever consultation with children aged 4 to 17 in England. It aims to find out children's concerns and aspirations about the future, so that we can put children at the heart of our country's recovery from the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. We will be delivering lessons to students before they complete the survey

Parents, care leavers and those working with children are also invited [to complete the adult survey](#) to share their views about the future for children and young people today, and what they think is holding young people back.

The results from this survey will help the Children's Commissioner identify the barriers preventing children from reaching their potential, put forward solutions and set ambitious goals for the country to achieve. I encourage all parents/carers to have their say as part

Parent Forums – Request

As we continue to plan for changes at the Academy, we are looking at setting up parent forums to give us an opportunity to discuss different aspects of the Academy. I will look to host the meetings at a suitable time for stakeholders and either online or ideally at the school in line with our risk assessment. If you are interested, please send an email to info@orchard-tmet.uk so we can add you to our mailing list and communicate further.

Thank you for your ongoing support

Best regards



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Principal