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**Principal:** Mr I Patel

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Dear Parent/ Carer,

I hope this letter finds you and your families well and in good health. I would like to use this week to communicate key messages and gather support from you as key stakeholders in our school community.

### **Parent Feedback**

I recently wrote to you expressing my gratitude to those completing parent surveys. As part of the feedback, some parents asked about student well-being and specifically about how we deal with bullying at the school. To support our communication on these matters, please find our wellbeing newsletter, which covers the following aspects:

- Details of our pastoral team supporting children with day-to-day matters. They are supported by Heads of Year Ms Patel (Y7), Ms O Hanlon (Y8), Ms Roberts (Y9), Ms Mace (Year 10) and Ms Bailey (Y11).
- Specific details on what is bullying, how we prevent bullying and deal with concerns that arise. If you do have any concerns, it is important you get in touch with the school so we can support and deal with any concerns
- All the available support in-school as well as external support we utilise if necessary
- How you can support your children at home with their wellbeing

### **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. We 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](mailto:info@orchard-tmet.uk) so we can add you to our mailing list and communicate further.

### **School Values**

Our Orchard Oath of **Work Hard, Be Kind, Be Responsible** provides a framework for personal conduct and growth for students. From the moment a student arrives at Orchard Mead Academy, students will be supported and challenged to meet these expectations (current definitions):

1. **Work Hard** – We promote resilience, grit and determination so students learn that success needs hard work and effort
2. **Be kind**– We aim to develop respectful, tolerant students who are kind to everyone.
3. **Be Responsible** – We encourage students to make a positive difference to themselves and the world around them.



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To support us in ensuring our values are a lived reality for all stakeholders, I would really appreciate you completing the following survey

<https://forms.office.com/r/ETCdfNi3ur>

We will be doing a very similar process with students and staff to help revise the definitions of our key values and instil them in to everything we do at the academy. Please use this opportunity to feedback your views no later than Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May.

Thank you for your ongoing support

Best regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Imtiaz Patel', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Imtiaz Patel  
Principal