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Executive Principal: Mr M Oldman

Dear Parent/Carer,

As the new Executive Principal of Orchard Mead, I am looking forward to welcoming you and your children to Orchard Mead this academic year. The last eighteen months have been challenging for our community, and we are really looking forward to having the children back in school.

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:

- 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.

As you are aware, as part of our expectations shared previously, students were only allowed to wear black leather footwear with no coloured tags.

After listening to our parents' concerns, and careful consideration, we have made the decision to allow black kickers – with a coloured tag – please see picture as an example.

I hope this clarifies the situation and thank you for your continued support,

I am really excited for the year ahead.

Yours sincerely,

Mark Oldman Executive Principal

