

*Big Question: 'Who are we' as a school,
year group, and individual?*

The Start of a New Year at Orchard Mead Academy

"Every new school year is a fresh start. New opportunities.
New challenges. New friendships.

Today isn't about looking back—it's about deciding who we
are going to be this year."



A New Beginning

- Every August gives us a fresh start.
- We all have the chance to improve and redefine ourselves
- This year, every choice we make will shape our journey

What would you want someone's first impression of you to be?

We're more than a school, we're a community!

A school is more than:

- Buildings
- Uniforms
- Timetables
- Lessons

A school is made by:

- The people
- The relationships
- The atmosphere
- The values we live every day



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What climate do we want for our school?

This year we want to be known for:

- Respect
- Kindness
- Ambition
- Resilience



These aren't just words on a wall—they're choices we make every day.

Every Person Matters

Everyone interaction shapes our school

The way we:

- greet each other
- speak to staff
- support friends
- behave in lessons and corridors
- represent the school outside the gates

All of this contributes to Orchard Mead's identity.

Our Year Group

Who Are We This Year?

Every year group develops its own identity.

What do we want to be remembered for?

What reputation do we want?

What kind of year group do we want to become?

Starting Strong

Small Choices Create Big Results

Every day we choose to:

- ✓ Arrive ready to learn
- ✓ Work hard
- ✓ Be kind
- ✓ Be responsible
- ✓ Help others

What do these look like in reality?!

Work Hard	Be Kind	Be Responsible
• Trying our best • Showing resilience • Learning from mistakes • Remaining focused • Being ambitious • Taking pride • Challenging ourselves	• Showing respect • Including others • Showing empathy • Using positive language about ourselves and others • Supporting others • Celebrating achievements	• Showing integrity • Taking ownership of choices • Developing independence • Developing teamwork • Taking pride in achievements • Show strong communication skills

These small choices become habits.
Habits become character.
Character becomes our reputation.

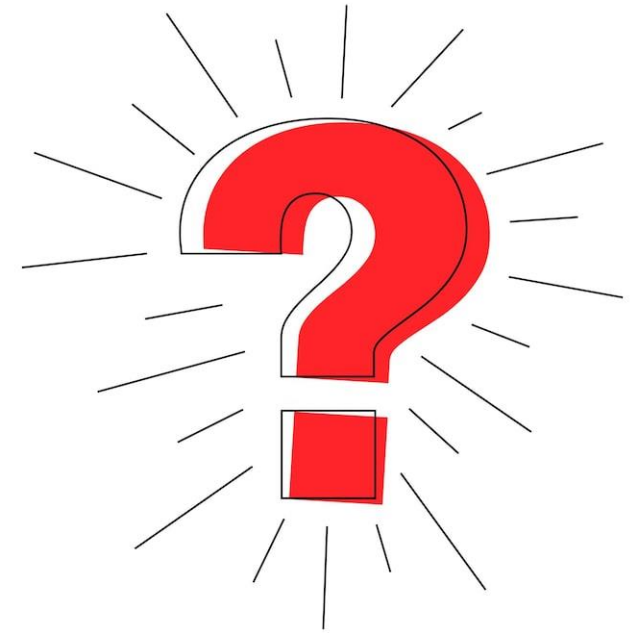
Who Am I?

We are responsible for our own choices.

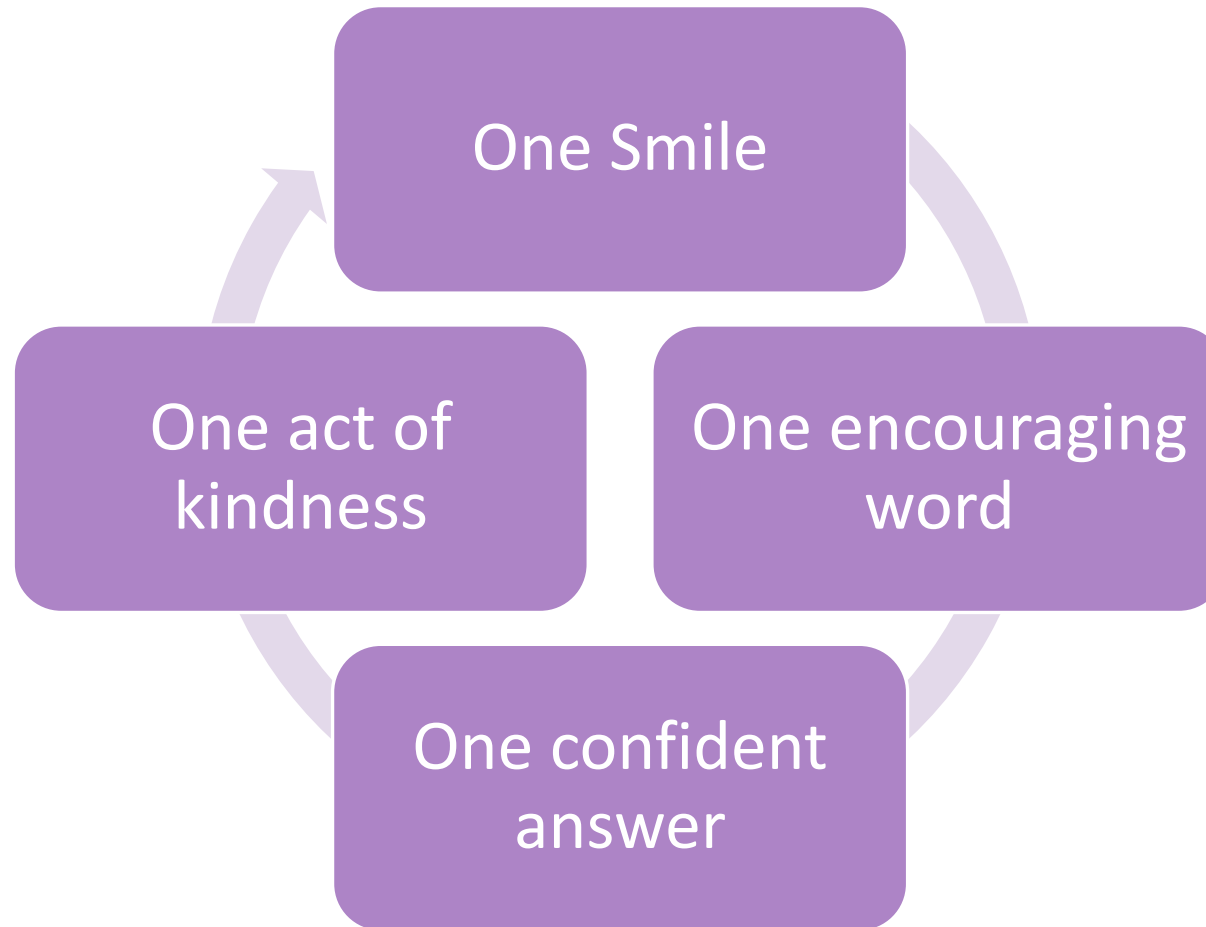
You can choose:

- ✓ Your attitude
- ✓ Your effort
- ✓ Your words
- ✓ Your actions

"Who do I want to be this year?"



The Ripple Effect



Our Challenge

One Commitment

We want you all to choose one thing you want to improve this year.

Examples:

- Be on time more.
- Read more.
- Answer questions with confidence
- Make someone feel included.
- Stay organised.
- Show resilience when learning is difficult.

Want you to keep that commitment in mind throughout the week!

Our Shared Commitment

Who Will We Be?

This year...

- We will learn together.
- We will support one another.
- We will represent Orchard Mead with pride.
- We will make this a place where everyone belongs.



Work Hard → *Grow your potential.*

Be Kind → *Strengthen our community.*

Be Responsible → *Earn trust and make a positive difference.*