

# Orchard Way Primary School

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## Headteacher's message:

We are so pleased that schools have been able to remain open throughout the new lockdown restrictions. There is no denying the impact of the school closure in the Spring but all the staff are so committed to ensuring that the children are getting the support and learning they need to make up for the disruption. School is very calm and there is a really purposeful atmosphere in the classrooms.

Christmas is such an important time at Orchard Way and we are determined that the children will still have the opportunity to enjoy the festive season despite the current circumstances. We will be having a live-stream visit from Santa, Christmas dinner and a live-stream panto on the last day of term. The PTA have worked incredibly hard to create the "12 days of Christmas" event; if you have not already signed up for all or some of the activities for your child, you can still do so on the PTA website [www.pta-events.co.uk/orchardway](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/orchardway).

We will be unable to do the traditional carol concert and nativity but we are currently planning an alternative...watch this space.

## Test, Track and Trace

Please do not be offended if any of the staff step away to create a social distance. Following on from some positive cases in the local community we have been advised that someone is considered a "contact" of a person with Covid-19 if they have had a face-to-face conversation from less than one metre for any amount of time. This "contact" is then required to go into isolation for two weeks.

## Visitors

Only visit the school office if you have an appointment arranged and please do not enter the school building by any of the pupil entrances. In order to remain covid-secure we must limit visitors to only those on essential business. If you need to speak to the office please call the school or email. If you need to give anything to the office please give it to your child to give to their teacher.



**We are a nut-free school; in order to protect our children with serious allergies please do not send any foods in that contain nuts.**

**Please remember to label your child's school uniform.**