

Welcome to Orchardside School – Turnaround Project



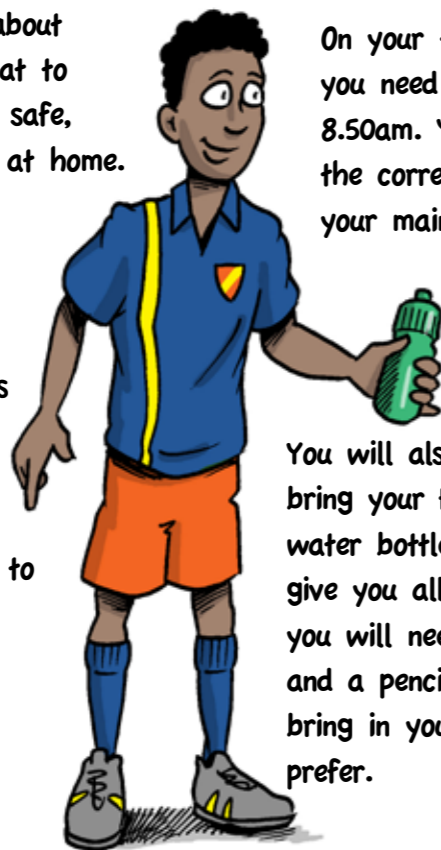
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What happens when I start the Turnaround Project?

Lots of students are a bit nervous about coming here as they don't know what to expect. The Turnaround Project is a safe, caring space and you will soon feel at home.

Before you join us, you will visit us with your parents/carers and teacher to talk about your strengths and anything you will need support with. We will develop a detailed plan to meet your needs when you are with us and when you go back to your mainstream school.



On your first day, you need to arrive at 8.50am. You will wear the correct uniform from your mainstream school.

You will also need to bring your P.E. kit and a water bottle. We will give you all the equipment you will need, including pens and a pencil, but you can bring in your own if you prefer.



What will the Turnaround Project expect of me?

We have a few simple rules about how you should behave and expect to be treated:

Respect – Treat everyone as you would like to be treated, in the way you talk and behave.

Resilience – Being able to deal with problems and bounce back stronger is a skill which you can practise. We will help you develop this by setting you challenges.



Responsibility – We will expect you to take responsibility for your own development. We will also expect you to admit when you have done something wrong.

We will help you to recognise when you have made a mistake, admit it and put it right with others. It does take time, but with help and practice it gets easier.

We have clear and simple expectations for behaviour and there are sanctions for any students who don't meet these expectations. We will talk about this when you join us.



How will you support my learning?

Your class will have a small number of students so you will get lots of support from your teachers. You will study a range of core and non-core subjects, including Maths and English, as well as take part in back-to-school workshops. We will give you time and help you to do the best in your lessons and in life in general.

What does the school day look like?



When you arrive at school, you will be scanned and hand your belongings in for safekeeping.

The first lesson, which starts at 9.00am, is 'Family Time' where you can have breakfast and learn about different skills you need in life.

All lessons are 45 minutes long.

Break is 15 minutes and lunchtime is 35 minutes. You will receive a free school meal.

The school day finishes at 2.45pm, with a slightly earlier finish on Friday.

A teacher will walk you to the bus stop at the end of the day if you are collected by transport.

What extra support will you give me?

We have some extra facilities and support to help you on the Turnaround Project.

We have lots of expert mentors and therapists to help you work on your strengths and overcome anything that is holding you back.



You can use our 'Sensory Room' when you need some quiet time to relax.

We also have brilliant sports facilities including football pitches, basketball courts and trampolines.

What rewards will I receive if I have done well?

We prefer to concentrate on rewarding you when you have done well and tried hard.

When you have done well, you can take part in out-of-school activities such as rock climbing. As well as learning new skills, it is a great way to make friends with the other students in your class.



Your teachers will give you certificates and contact your parents/carers whenever you have done well. You can also earn vouchers to spend on 'Mad Cash' Friday.



What happens at the end of my time on the Project?

During your time on the Project, you will complete some assessments and have sessions with specialists, such as the Speech and Language Therapist, to work out what your needs are in detail.

When it is time to go back to your school, we will let them know how you have done and give them a plan to support you.

Sometimes we will visit you at school to see how you are getting on.



We look forward to meeting you on the Turnaround Project and helping you on your road, your journey

Previous student, Billy, says: "I really enjoyed being on the Turnaround programme. All the teachers gave me so much support and I learnt useful ways to manage my behaviour."



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