



Oakmeadow Primary School 
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Dear Homes

Returning in September

Over the last few months we have been working hard to bring our children back and to plan for our return in September. We are determined to ensure that in September we have an environment where our children can thrive and receive the focused learning they require, alongside the emotional recovery and resilience curriculum we have designed.

To plan and prepare for this, we have invested heavily which will enable us to place new technology across all our classrooms. We have worked with the Marches Academy to build on our IT infrastructure, so that we can branch out and utilise blended learning opportunities. It's an exciting time for us to use this change for the better! We hope you agree. We have been planning for an innovative curriculum, working alongside the other schools enhanced by the expertise across the Trust which has been a bonus. There will be more detailed information soon on the logistics of how this will work.

Leading and driving forward:

As part of this, the Trust have asked if I will lead and drive the primary sector forward, supporting all of our schools to continue to grow and advance in what provision we offer our children.

In this role as the Director of Primary Education at MMAT, I will remain based at Oakmeadow with my excellent leadership team. I will visit and work alongside the other schools to develop the Trust vision as and when it is required. There will be time allocated out of the term where I will be working in this capacity and so I am working closely with Mrs Hill (our Deputy Headteacher) to ensure Oakmeadow continues to run smoothly and moves forward during these times. I WILL remain very firmly, the Headteacher at Oakmeadow, ably supported by the fantastic leadership team that we have.

To secure and develop further, we will be introducing Ms Reece and Mrs Griffiths to our leadership team as senior leads across our teaching teams. Alongside this, we also have Mr Ostermeyer and Ms Williamson in middle leadership overseeing key subject areas in the school and as you will also be aware, we have many experienced teachers who lead and drive other curriculum areas across our school. We have an experienced, capable team to support others and continue our own school journey.

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The future

We are now looking to drive forward our vision of leading the way, with blended learning, to ensure our children continue to have the best provision we can provide.

We have developed our pastoral team, so we now have Ms Severn, Ms Oliver and Ms Jackson providing a wealth of pastoral support to both children and their homes over the year.

We will also be moving into to our final 'spare' classroom this year and changing into single year groups. The growth of the school has been remarkable over the last few years. We now have full year groups and we are also happy to introduce Ms Gill to our teaching team in Year 5.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a HUGE THANK YOU for all the work you have done with your children at home. The lockdown period is certainly one we will not forget! That said, the children who have returned, have done this with ease! We have no reservations that this will continue into September and we will swiftly assess any gaps and support these where needed. The MOST important thing for us will be nurturing them back to school so they are happy and secure here again, ready to learn and thrive.

We hope you agree that during the time out of the school environment, the children have received a good learning package at home and that you have been well supported and that we have communicated to you in a timely way. Our main focus during this time, alongside trying to maintain the education was to reassure our homes and support you as part of our Oakmeadow family.

As we head towards the summer holidays, I hope we can all actually enjoy some time going out and exploring with our families and to focus on refuelling for our autumn term. On that note, I would again like to recognise all the staff at Oakmeadow, who have answered any request made, worked continually to support their classes and to ensure the school continues to remain safe. As an Oakmeadow Team we got it done!

I am truly blessed as a Headteacher to be a part of this whole community, who, in a time of trouble and uncertainty, showed amazing resilience and strength.

Keep safe everyone and very best wishes

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Headteacher

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