



OAK HILL CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

As this term ends and we prepare for the final weeks of this academic year I wanted to take this time to write to you about my role as Acting Headteacher and my plans for our school. Since taking on this additional role my first and most important priority has been to ensure the wellbeing of every one of our children and staff. I've endeavoured to do this in the ways I always have as a dedicated member of the Oak Hill family whilst taking on the responsibilities of acting headship. Ensuring our school runs effectively in all areas is essential if we are to be successful in providing the nurturing environment our children need to be able to thrive. I'm pleased that when writing today, I can reassure you the period of change our whole school community has shared over this term has meant together we've reached that goal.

To say I am passionate about our school would be an understatement. I am extremely proud and honoured to be Oak Hill's Acting Head Teacher, and grateful for this opportunity to work with our school leadership team, our staff & governors to ensure we continue to build on the success of the improvements and changes made in recent years.

As an experienced teacher, it has been a privilege to have spent the last seven years as a class teacher at Oak Hill. My first role at the school was a class teacher job share. I quickly fell in love with the school and its community so was delighted to move into a full time teaching role. In the years since I have consistently developed my professional skills, experiences and qualifications through my day to day teaching practice and a variety of continuous professional development, including undertaking two intensive postgraduate education courses this year - the National Professional Qualification in Leading Teaching (NPQTL) and National Award for Special Educational Needs & Disabilities Co-ordinator (NASENCO).

As we move towards our conversion to an academy when we join the Primary QuEST family of schools, I will continue to work with our trust colleagues to ensure Oak Hill's individual identity is preserved. I have been delighted and reassured that PQ have an established dedication to preserving the identity in every one of the small rural schools which already make up the trust.

School and community are very important to me professionally and personally. I wholeheartedly support the values of inclusion, respect, care, pupil voice and family values. I believe these are at the heart of all we've been working to build together at Oak Hill in recent years; without a

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strong community a school cannot reach its true potential for success. I am looking forward to fostering our existing links as a whole school and wider community whilst also developing new links too.

Oak Hill is a family oriented village school, something I and many of you hold most dear. The sense of support given by parents is one of our school's many strengths and one which I have always been grateful for. Moving forward I will be increasing opportunities for families to be involved in school life. This will include opening the classrooms regularly for you to visit the children and inviting you to be a part of shared projects and celebrations. I also want to offer more opportunities for you to share your views on the school as I strongly believe by working in partnership with parents, together we will develop a school where every child is celebrated and supported to be prepared for life in all its fullness.

As parents you are the most important educators in your child's lives, so it is important you have a voice in your children's education. To support you in doing this, as a school we must be approachable and open to hearing your thoughts. In sharing your views on where you feel the school is doing well, and perhaps in any areas that may need reviewing, you have an opportunity to help us in our endeavours to offer the best education and experiences for your children whilst they are members of our school family.

I am enormously committed to the success of our small rural school and will continue to ensure every child at Oak Hill receives the outstanding education and experiences they deserve. I want every child to feel proud of themselves, to feel supported and cared for and to be secure in the knowledge they are an important member of our school community. Our school's pupils should know they are important as individuals and a group, who have a team of people who care and support them across the whole school community.

I believe in leading by example, taking the time to know every child; their strengths, their passions and how we can support them. Creating an environment where children feel they can truly be themselves whilst also developing their sense of personal responsibility for their action, choices and learning is at the heart of my professional work.

I am deeply grateful for the opportunities I've had over the last seven years as I've watched our children grow in confidence, knowledge and spirituality during their time at Oak Hill. Thank you in advance for the support I know you will give me and every member of our school community as we move forward together.

Yours sincerely,



Jade Attwood
Acting Head Teacher