

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this letter finds you and your family well. As we approach the end of this extraordinary academic year, we are already looking forward to welcoming everyone back into school next term. A school is a community and sadly for too long now we have not been able to be together.

I thought I should update you on the work we are doing to ensure we re-open safely for all our children and staff at Oakley Vale next term. I set the main stages of this work out below.

#### Actions we are taking before the end of term

1. Completing a risk assessment for full reopening which addresses all the points in the latest government and Public Health England guidance for schools.
2. Developing a re-opening plan where all risks are mitigated as far as possible and beginning consultation on the draft plan with our staff.

#### Actions during the summer holiday

3. Completing consultation with staff, governors and unions.
4. Getting formal approval for our re-opening plans from the Brooke Weston Trust board.
5. Publishing information to you and your child(ren) about the reopening of Oakley Vale and how you can help us to get off to a good start. We intend to send this information to you in the week beginning August 10<sup>th</sup> - waiting until then means we can respond to any further changes in the guidance in the days ahead.

In the meantime, I'd also like to tell you about the fantastic work that has been going on to prepare an exciting curriculum for next year and, especially, the kinds of things we will be doing to help all of our children catch up.

On return in September we will be working hard to fill the gaps the children may have developed due to the Covid school closure. We plan on delivering a carefully planned recovery curriculum, with a particular focus on English and Maths, to ensure we are addressing essential skills in these areas whilst, at the same time, launching our new Curriculum with a variety of new and exciting topics. Our aim is to have caught up with the children's learning by Christmas and the children will then work through their year group expectations from January 2021 and beyond. Where necessary, we will provide additional support and intervention work for specific children or groups of children to ensure the gaps are reduced and closed.

Finally, if you have any questions about the content of this letter please do not hesitate to contact me via the [admin@oakleyvaleprimary.org](mailto:admin@oakleyvaleprimary.org) email address.

Yours faithfully,



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