

Friday 16th October

Dear Parents / Carers,

As we are approaching the end of our first half term, I thought I would write to you to thank you for all your support. Everyone has settled in really confidently and are coping well with the changes that have taken place due to the current situation.

The children have been working really hard and have been immersing themselves wholeheartedly into our new curriculum. If you haven't done so already, it is great to follow us on Twitter (@OakleyValePri) where you'll be able to see all the great things we have been doing.

Today, has been amazing, with all the children fully engaged in our whole school maths day and also raising money for the 'Just one Tree' charity. Thank you again for your support and generosity.

I also need to update you on recent developments regarding the breakfast and after school provision. As you will be aware, this has been provided at the school by Acorns Early Years Foundation for many years. It is with regret that we need to inform you that Acorns will not be reopening the provision at Oakley Vale. We are aware that Acorns have already written to those families that were previously accessing the provision.

Oakley Vale, as part of the Brooke Weston Trust, sets high expectations for all matters relating to health and safety. The Coronavirus pandemic presents unprecedented challenges for all sectors, including education, and keeping children safe whilst accessing school or associated services must be our top priority.

The school does not underestimate the value of accessible wrap around care for families and we try to take a balanced view when considering standards of infection prevention and control in relation to COVID-19. We must however hold ourselves and partners accountable to the highest achievable standards. In addition to these challenges, there remains uncertainty at a national level about the response to Coronavirus which presents challenges when planning service delivery. The school is working hard to remain agile amongst this uncertainty and provide the best environment and experiences possible for our children.

Whilst it is unfortunate that Acorns have decided not to reopen, the school will now take stock and closely monitor all opportunities as they arise over the coming months. We remain committed to supporting our families and, at a safe and practical time, we hope to be able to support as many families as possible.

Next half term, we will continue to plan lots of exciting activities to support our children with their learning and we will be sending out more details next week about our arrangements for Parents evening in the week beginning 9th November.

Thank you, once again for all your support in these challenging times, we really do appreciate it.

Yours sincerely



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