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Oak Tree School

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Headteacher Update



I am incredibly proud to be opening Oak Tree School in September. The school is well underway to providing a nurturing and stimulating learning environment for students with Autism Spectrum and associated complex needs.

Recently I was fortunate enough to go and visit the school. As I stepped through the doors, I was immediately struck by its

beauty and thoughtful design. The classrooms are spacious, bright and airy, with large windows that let in plenty of natural light. There are long, wide hallways maintaining safety throughout the school. Each classroom has a large amount of storage with accompanying break out rooms or toilets to support the children's self care needs. I look forward to reviewing the children's progress through the use of the latest technology to enhance learning. Overall I am incredibly impressed to be working in a school that is not just adapted to the needs of the children but purpose built for our children.



One of the things that impressed me most was the attention to detail that had been paid to making the school accessible for all students, regardless of their mobility or sensory needs. The specially designed therapy rooms will create a calming and stimulating environment for all our students.

But the beauty of our new school is more than just skin deep. I hope to develop a team of dedicated educators who are committed to creating an inclusive and supportive learning environment, where every student can thrive.

The curriculum will be tailored to meet the unique needs of each student, with a focus on developing their strengths and interests. At Oak Tree we believe that a hands-on approach to learning is key, and our students will have access to a wide range of resources, including sensory

materials, music and art supplies, and assistive technology.

In short, with a strong team I aim to ensure Oak Tree School will be a place where every student can feel valued and supported, and where they can develop the skills and confidence they need to succeed. Within the coming months we will support our first cohort of children to transition into the school. They will each be given a transition plan and will be prepared through social stories to ensure a successful start into the school.

With our developing team of professionals, Oak Tree aims to be a safe haven for students on the Autism Spectrum and associated complex needs. We look forward to welcoming our first cohort of children in September.

Abi Davis
Headteacher



Trust update



It definitely feels as though we are on the final stretch now as we hurtle towards September 2023 when the school will finally open to its first cohort of children. For those of us who have been involved right from the beginning, and for those of you who have been following our progress, it has been a long time coming – but we are almost there!

The team continue to work tirelessly on the various workstreams and the progress being made both behind the scenes and with the building is impressive. I remain grateful to the first-class team of professionals engaged on this project, who all buy in to the Trust's vision for Oak Tree School, and are diligently working to make that vision a reality.



CGI Fly-through

REDS10 have supplied a CGI fly-through of our new school to give an idea of how the school will look when it is finished this year.

To access it, please click on the [play button](#) below.



Since the last newsletter we held a recruitment event and I was delighted with the high level of engagement and interest in the broad range of opportunities we have to offer. My thanks to the team who organised the evening – the cupcakes were excellent.

If you are interested in working at Oak Tree School I would encourage you to keep an eye on our recruitment site as more roles are being advertised as we move towards September.



Jonathon Peck
Chief Executive Officer



Welcome Parents!

It was lovely to meet some of our parents at the welcome event that took place on Thursday 23 February.



Register an interest...

If you are interested in receiving regular updates including our newsletter, details of open events and recruitment days, please complete our expression of interest form [HERE](#).



Reds10 update



The project has undergone a challenging yet rewarding period. A range of challenges have occurred that required significant effort and perseverance to overcome. These challenges included navigating complex legal processes with various statutory authorities, as well as dealing with changing and demanding weather conditions during the winter months. Despite these obstacles, we

remained focused and committed to the project, resulting in a remarkable transformation on site.

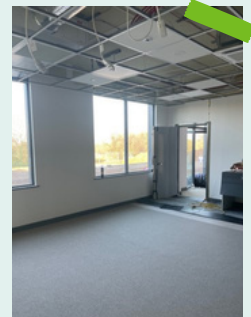
As we approach spring, there is a palpable sense of enthusiasm and excitement within the team. We are eager to take the next steps in the project and move towards a successful handover.

Over the past few months, we have made tremendous progress in developing our external spaces, such as the scooter track, main car park and entrance, and southern car park. Concurrently, we have worked tirelessly to complete the final infrastructure and utility connections necessary to enable the testing and commissioning of the building.

As we near the practical completion date, our focus is starting to shift towards handover activities. We recently held a very successful project handover kick-off meeting, which allowed all stakeholders to gain a clear understanding of the handover process and engage early in the optimisation of the remaining project time.

Our team are working diligently to ensure a smooth and efficient handover process occurs.

In addition to this, our operatives have continued their hard work in achieving a high level of finish for both the internal and external components of the build.

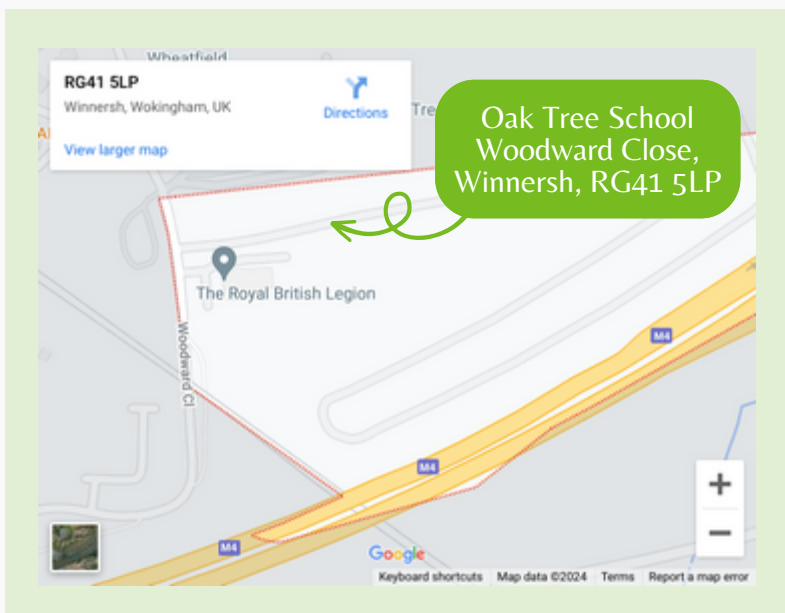


Over the course of the last 12 months, we have reached a significant project milestone by being on site for 1 year. As we pause to reflect on the accomplishments made during this period, it is clear that our operatives on site have played a critical role in driving progress forward. The achievements made thus far serve as a testament to their hard work, dedication, and expertise of our team.

Louis Mottley
Project Manager




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