

14th March 2025

Dear Prospective Oakbank parents,

Thank you for joining us last night, we appreciate you taking the time to join us at Oakbank to discuss our plans for the school as we prepare for what will be an exciting start to the school year in September. It was good to be able to answer your questions, and wonderful to hear your commitment to the community and Oakbank as your local school. We very much hope, and expect the Department for Education to confirm The Greenshaw Learning Trust as the sponsor for Oakbank on Thursday 20th March, which will start the relatively quick process of bringing the school and community into our family.

We are utterly committed to working closely with the Oakbank community of parents and children, and we are also in regular communication with Shinfield Parish Council, Wokingham and Reading Councils, and our local MP, Yuan Yang. My colleagues and I have been invited to the Shinfield Parish Council meeting on 28th March and hope to see many of you there. This will be an opportunity to update the wider community on our work with the school and take further questions.

With the support of our Director of Education, Izzy Ambrose, and myself, Jonathan Heap, our Assistant Director, will be working closely with the school over the next few weeks and Jonathan will be a regular presence in school working with the leaders and teachers. We are planning a number of communications to keep you informed and updated, and there will be opportunities for our incoming year 7 children (currently in year 6) to visit their new secondary school throughout the Summer Term to ensure they are prepared for September, and as excited as we are.

We would also like to invite you to join us on a visit to Park House School in Newbury (25 minutes away) which is a Greenshaw Learning Trust School that is a few years into its journey with us. The visit is planned for the morning of **Friday 21st March** and we will provide transport to and from the school leaving **Oakbank at 9.00am** and returning at **midday**. If you'd prefer to make your own way to Park House School, please join us at the visitor reception at 9.30am.

To join us on this visit, please [click here](#) and complete the brief registration form. If you are aware of any other parents or carers who may be interested and considering Oakbank for their child or children, please feel free to pass on this information.

We are committed to keeping you updated as plans progress but also want you to be able to ask us questions at any time. Please feel free to email the address below if you have any questions, reflections or comments that we can help with. kbennett@greenshawlearningtrust.co.uk

The community in Shinfield and beyond deserve a brilliant local school that is the school of choice and pride of all. It is a privilege to have this responsibility, and to serve you and the community.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Will Smith', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Will Smith

CEO, The Greenshaw Learning Trust