



# INCLUSION AND WELLBEING NEWSLETTER

Term 1 September 2025

## Welcome to Oakwood!

Firstly, I hope you all had a fantastic summer with your families but were also able to find some time for yourselves. I also wanted to extend a very special welcome to our new parents and families to Oakwood and I hope you find this information helpful in navigating all things 'inclusion' at Oakwood. I send out a termly newsletter and I hope you'll take the time to have a read through when they arrive to your email each term.

For those that don't know me already my name is Mrs Wood and I am the Assistant Headteacher for Inclusion at Oakwood. This role involves being the SENDCo as well as the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) in school. I have been very fortunate to work at Oakwood for the last 9 years and am very proud of our school community.

## Who to contact?

As mentioned, your first 'port of call' will always be your child's class teacher. There may be times that other members of the Inclusion Team will contact you or be involved in your child's provision. If you would like to speak to any members of the Inclusion Team please leave a message with the Office. Staff are committed to getting back to parents within 2 days (and often sooner). We ask for your patience as we are often busy working with children around school.

**Mrs Snelgrove** is our Pastoral Manager and leads on our 'Hive' provision.

**Mrs Taylor** is our Interventions TA and Forest School lead

**Mrs Mack** is our SEN Administrator (if you ever need to make an appt with me or you have paperwork you need to share with me— you are likely to hear from Mrs Mack in the first instance!)

Look out for 'open mornings' coming up to learn more about our Hive Offer in school.

## Coffee Mornings



Please look out for dates of upcoming coffee mornings - Based on your feedback, this year, we will get these booked in, in advance, with a mix of mornings and afternoons to enable greater opportunities to attend.

## Neurodivergence @OPA

As a school we are always open to learning more as this in turn enables us to support your children better! I am so pleased that as a school we have signed up to the PINs project for 2025/26. This is a Government funded project which provides support to schools in all things neurodivergence! This includes additional training for staff, supporting families and generally supporting schools to embed a very real culture of inclusion in school. As a SENDCO (as well as a parent of a child with autism) I am delighted to be able to work with the project to further support our whole school community.

Please look out for a survey that will be sent to you (in order to gather parent view) in the coming days. I would be so grateful if you would take the time to complete this as the results will be used to determine the areas of improvement we work on.

I will provide updates on the project in future newsletters—please look out for this!

Finally..... I am often on the gate at either the start or end of the school day, please do come and say hello! It's always nice to talk with families and I look forward to getting to know you all.