

Principals' Post

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A NEW SEND UNIT OPENING AT OXLEY PARK ACADEMY

Dear Families

We are absolutely delighted to share some wonderful news with you—Oxley Park Academy has been officially approved to open a brand-new Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Unit from September!

This is a hugely exciting development for our school community and reflects our ongoing commitment to supporting every child, whatever their needs, to thrive, grow and succeed. We are incredibly proud of our inclusive ethos, and this new provision strengthens it even further.

Our SEND Unit will eventually cater for 16 children, offering a nurturing, specialist environment tailored to their needs. We will begin by welcoming our first 8 children from September, with the intention of expanding to full capacity later in 2027. Admissions to the unit will be made through the local authority, so no current Oxley Park Academy pupils will automatically move into the provision; all placements must follow the appropriate local authority processes.

The unit will be based at our **Shenley Wood campus**, where we will be undertaking some exciting building developments. As part of this project:

- Our *Believe* Key Stage 1 classrooms will move upstairs.
- The downstairs area they currently occupy will be redesigned and transformed into the new SEND Unit.
- A dedicated, fully fenced and secure outdoor play area will also be created to give our children a safe and engaging space to explore and enjoy.

We are hopeful that the majority of this work will take place over the summer holidays, allowing us to open the doors of our new provision in September as planned.

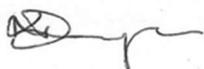
This development is not just a building project, it is a celebration of who we are as a school. Our staff are exceptionally skilled, compassionate, and committed to doing amazing things for all of our children. Having a dedicated SEND provision will enhance the support we can offer and enrich our whole school culture.

We look forward to sharing updates with you as the project progresses and cannot wait to see the positive impact this new unit will have on our academy community.

Warm regards



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Executive Principal



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