A bright future for Oakfield Academy

OAKFIELD ACADEMY
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Dear Parents and Carers,

Following Alun Williams's update today, we wanted to write to you personally. The proposal to move Frome to a two-tier education system will not go ahead. Frome's three-tier system will continue, and Oakfield Academy will remain open.

We know this decision will bring different feelings for different families. Some will welcome it; others had hoped for a different outcome. We respect those views. For Oakfield, the decision brings certainty and the opportunity to continue the work we have started together.

Over the past 18 months, we have seen real progress. Our Year 6 outcomes improved this summer, and our recent Ofsted inspection recognised important improvements in teaching, the curriculum and support for pupils. It also reflected something we see every day: Oakfield is a welcoming community where staff know and care about the children they teach.

There is more to celebrate than results alone. Expectations are higher, lessons are calmer and more purposeful, and we are giving pupils more opportunities to challenge themselves, share their views and take part in school life. We have strengthened support for pupils who need it, including those with additional needs.

None of this has been easy. Our staff have worked hard to improve Oakfield while living with uncertainty about whether the school would remain open. Throughout that time, they have kept their focus on the pupils in front of them. We are proud of everything they have done for our pupils and our school.

We also want to thank you. Many families have faced uncertainty of their own, yet you have continued to work with us, share your views and support your children. That partnership matters enormously.

Now we can look ahead with greater confidence. We will build on the progress already made and work with the Trust and local partners as plans for further SEND provision develop. We know there is still work to do, particularly in helping every pupil achieve well, improving attendance and communicating more effectively with families.

Today, though, we hope you will join us in recognising how far Oakfield has come. Our school has a future, and together we can make it one to be proud of.

With best wishes,

Michelle Parsons
Executive Headteacher

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Head of School