



OAKLANDS
SCHOOL

WELCOME TO _____



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A SCHOOL THAT IGNITES THEIR CURIOSITY

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WHO WE ARE

At Oaklands School, we believe every child deserves the opportunity to thrive. We are an independent, co-educational day school for pupils aged 5 to 16, specialising in Autism Spectrum Condition (ASC), Speech, Language and Communication Needs (SLCN), and supporting a wide range of complex learning profiles.

Our school offers a warm, safe, and inspiring environment where learning becomes an exciting journey of discovery. We empower our pupils with the skills they need to overcome barriers, build confidence, and achieve greater independence. Every aspect of our curriculum is tailored to support each child's Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) outcomes, ensuring they reach their full potential.



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A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

I feel privileged to be the founding Chair of Governors for Oaklands School. This school was created specifically to provide a unique and enjoyable learning experience for children and young people aged 5 – 16 years with additional needs. We believe that every pupil should feel both supported and inspired by their days in school.

This is why we have taken the very best school practices and built them into our school – our curriculum offer is therefore broad, balanced, relevant and personalised to meet individual pupil's needs. Our approach fits perfectly with EHC planning and partnership working, personalisation and accountability.

We therefore welcome parental and carer engagement and feedback on all aspects of the school. Our success will be measured by your child's happiness and achievements in school and in later life.

A very warm welcome to Oaklands School, I look forward to meeting you.

Julie Smith

Dr Julie Smith, Chair of Governors



OUR MISSION, VISION AND VALUES

Our Mission

To provide innovative, nurturing, and personalised learning experiences that empower pupils to overcome challenges and achieve lifelong success.

Our Vision

To be the first-choice specialist SEN school in West Berkshire and surrounding areas, known for delivering exceptional education, personal growth, and wellbeing.

Our Values

- Respect
- Kindness
- Honesty
- Commitment
- Creativity



WHY CHOOSE US

- 01 Bespoke, personalised education designed around EHCP outcomes
- 02 A nurturing, trauma-informed and autism-friendly setting
- 03 A progressive, pathway-led curriculum designed to inspire and empower
- 04 Integrated therapeutic provision as part of daily learning
- 05 Focus on communication, emotional wellbeing, and independence
- 06 Strong, supportive partnerships with families and professionals
- 07 Enriching experiences beyond the classroom to develop life skills and confidence

**A PROGRESSIVE
PATHWAY-LED
CURRICULUM
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OUR CURRICULUM PATHWAYS

At Oaklands, we celebrate the unique potential in every child. Our curriculum pathways offer tailored routes that reflect each pupil's learning journey, supporting them to develop essential skills, knowledge, and confidence for life.

Learning to Learn (Green Pathway)

For learners taking their first steps in structured education.

- Focus on communication, emotional regulation, and building trusting relationships
- Play-based and sensory-led learning designed to spark curiosity and joy
- Preparing children to engage with more formalised learning experiences at their own pace

Participation in Learning (Orange Pathway)

For learners growing in confidence and curiosity.

- Emphasis on cognitive and experiential learning that builds self-belief
- Encourages problem-solving, communication, and collaborative learning
- Topic-based approaches that provide purposeful, real-world learning experiences supported by therapeutic input

Independent Learning (Purple Pathway)

For learners preparing for independence and their next steps in life.

- Ambitious academic learning and opportunities to achieve accreditation and qualifications
- Preparation for adulthood, including life skills, employability, and independence
- Encourages aspiration through personalised routes to further education, training, or employment

Each pathway is dynamic, allowing pupils to transition flexibly as their needs and ambitions evolve.

THERAPEUTIC SUPPORT AT THE HEART OF LEARNING

At Oaklands School, we understand that education and wellbeing go hand in hand. Our holistic, therapeutic approach ensures that every child receives the emotional, physical, and sensory support they need to thrive in school and in life.

Our therapeutic provision includes:

- **Speech and Language Therapy (SaLT):** Supporting communication, language development, and social interaction.
- **Occupational Therapy (OT):** Developing sensory regulation, motor skills, and life skills for independence.
- **Play Therapy and Emotional Literacy Support (ELSA):** Helping pupils process emotions, build resilience, and develop positive self-esteem.
- **Sensory Integration:** Providing calming sensory diets and interventions tailored to pupils' needs.
- **Zones of Regulation:** A whole-school approach that empowers pupils to understand and manage their emotions.
- **Parent Workshops and Family Support:** Equipping families with strategies to support their child's progress beyond the classroom.

Our therapists are fully integrated into school life, working alongside teaching teams to deliver seamless support throughout each day.

LEARNING BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

We believe in providing rich experiences that extend learning beyond the classroom, offering opportunities to explore the world, develop independence, and build confidence.

Nature Walks: Providing physical and mental health benefits, including reduced stress, improved mood, better immune function, and enhanced cognitive focus

Equine Therapy and Horse Riding: Supporting emotional wellbeing, communication, and trust through therapeutic horsemanship

Swimming and Physical Education: Building physical fitness, coordination, and self-confidence

Creative Arts : Encouraging creativity, self-expression, and collaboration

Educational Visits and Community Engagement: Trips to local museums, wildlife parks, and community events that broaden horizons, inspire curiosity, and nurture essential life skills



OUR FACILITIES

- Calm, purpose-built classrooms designed to reduce anxiety and support focus
- Sensory rooms and breakout spaces for emotional regulation and relaxation
- Secure outdoor play and learning areas for exploration and physical development
- Access to local leisure centres for swimming, gym and PE activities
- Partnerships with equestrian centres to support our equine therapy programme

SAFEGUARDING AND WELLBEING

The safety, wellbeing, and happiness of every pupil is at the heart of our school. Our Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) leads a dedicated Safeguarding Team who work tirelessly to ensure children feel safe, protected, and cared for. We foster close partnerships with families, carers, and external professionals to ensure every child's wellbeing is consistently supported.

OUR STAFF TEAM

Our staff are the heart of our school community.

- Expert Teachers and Specialist Practitioners who deliver personalised learning
- Highly skilled Learning Support Assistants (LSAs), trained in trauma-informed practice and therapeutic support
- A multi-disciplinary Therapy Team providing integrated, daily support
- A dynamic Senior Leadership Team (SLT) committed to outstanding outcomes for pupils

All staff engage in ongoing professional development, ensuring the best and most current practices in SEND education and therapeutic provision.



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ADMISSIONS

We welcome pupils aged 5–16 from West Berkshire and surrounding areas.

Every pupil has an EHCP, and we work in partnership with families and local authorities to ensure Oaklands is the right fit for each child.

Our admissions process is thorough and thoughtful, focusing on ensuring we can meet each pupil's unique needs.





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