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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have had a good summer. I am writing to introduce myself as Principal at Oasis Academy New Oak. Normally, I would be able to say we could have a chat on the playground or around school, but obviously at the moment, this isn't possible, as we return to school using Government guidance to ensure children and staff are returning to school safely. There is attached guidance as well as key points for arrangements alongside this introductory letter, so please read this carefully.

I relocated from Staffordshire to Cardiff in February 2020 and took up a post as Principal at Oasis Academy Bank Leaze in Bristol in February. This was to cover a maternity leave for the substantive principal. Prior to this appointment with Oasis, I have been headteacher in two primary schools in Staffordshire: Chesterton Primary School in Newcastle under Lyme and then Ash Green Primary Academy in Stoke on Trent. I love being a Principal and am really enjoying working the Oasis Academy New Oak team. The school has such a dedicated, hardworking team where children are at the heart of everything that is done. The staff have been working really hard on the classroom environments to ensure they are safe and welcoming, and have thought carefully how to support children with their learning as they come back in to the academy for the new year. We have had training on how best to support children in the 'new normal' and all staff have looked carefully at curriculum approaches to 'transition' children back in to school. All classes are using the book: 'Here we are' by Oliver Jeffers: a lovely book, which talks about how unique and special we all are, and will help us to build our school community for the new year.

Here's the New Oak team...all ready for Monday!



Principal of Oasis Academy New Oak
Ruth Foster

I would like to welcome two new teaching members to our staff. Lorna Coates will be teaching classes this year when teachers have planning and preparation time and Jazz Harvey-Beard is a Teach First graduate who will be working with us and is based in Year 5 with Miss Kiely.

Although circumstances mean that I cannot meet you for informal chats on the playground, I would like to emphasise that I am still available to talk to... albeit maybe remotely at the moment! I look forward to seeing you at drop offs and pick up times and would like to reassure you that we are still here to listen to any concerns, niggles...or compliments! In the meantime, here is a picture so you can recognise me!



Have a great weekend. We will see you on Monday 07 September.

Yours sincerely



Ruth Foster
Principal