



Oakfield Short Stay School

Oakfield Short Stay School is expected to leave its site on Hospital Lane, Blaby to make way for the new 50 place SEMH Academy for students aged 7 -16 which is planned to open in September 2020. Oakfield will continue and be split between two new sites, one in Shepshed and one in Barwell, in each case sharing a site with a Primary School.

This will have many benefits for the children, not least in shorter traveling distance and time. Oakfield staff will work with the host primary school for the mutual benefit of both sets of children

The move to two locations creates the opportunity to integrate the current SEMH offering and continue the successful work in schools to prevent the need for exclusion. The work with schools to support pupils and staff will continue and grow, with all Oakfield teachers having a caseload and the opportunity to share their expertise with county colleagues.

The current Graduated Response Practitioners will continue to work in schools to support children with SEMH and reintegrate pupils assessed as suitable to be returned to mainstream schools. These staff will have a direct link to pupils at Oakfield and therefore a greater knowledge of the complex issues around SEMH. The additional capacity provided by the new SEMH Academy will allow Oakfield to become a true Short Stay School better able to support Leicestershire pupils.

The Team Teach and Boxall training will continue, and other courses will be offered in the fullness of time. I and my staff will work so that Oakfield become a centre of excellence and a resource for all Leicestershire Primary Schools.

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