



FOREST OAK SCHOOL OAKWOOD CENTRE

Specialist provision for Year
10 and 11 students at
Forest Oak School

Introduction

In September, our new Forest Oak 'satellite' centre will welcome 30 students to the start of a big new adventure, based at the newly named and refurbished Oakwood Centre.

Our new provision continues to provide a safe and nurturing environment for our young people. Our small site aims to promote a bespoke environment where our learners can continue to develop their connections and trust with adults in order to become independent young adults, ready for their next steps into post 16 provision.

We aim to provide a learning environment which is person centred and develops skills and knowledge that will equip our learners with learning for life skills, as well as the ability to navigate the world, with as much independence as possible. We promote the best possible outcome for each individual and provide suitable routes to qualifications for our learners in their areas of interest.

The Team

The specialist collaborative team supports our learners with their social communication, sensory and wellbeing needs alongside the academic. These staff are all experienced in the way that Forest Oak operates and bring extensive experience to the Centre.

Centre Lead

- Emma Byrne (Secondary Lead)

Teachers

- Emily Baroch
- James Cartwright

HLTA

- Penny Shakespeare

LSAs

- Sara Windsor

- Laura Allt
- Chantelle Riley
- Mandy Ensor
- Natalie McDermott
- Janis Smith

The Centre spaces

The site currently has 3 large class teaching spaces

- Attenborough Room – Year 11
- Malala Room – Year 10
- Rashford Room – Extra teaching space

There is also

- Wiltshire Room (Meeting Room)
- SMILE Room (Well Being)
- Staff space
- Centre Kitchen

The Centre also has a large communal space that we will be using to promote our newly formed enterprise called 'Oakwood Innovation' or OI!

There are plenty of toilets and a hygiene room, with a changing bed and hoist. We are fortunate to have an outside space that we will use to ensure our students can access the outdoors; this will be equipped with tables and chairs / benches.

Curriculum

Our curriculum at the Centre has two key pathways available to our learners which compliments the balance of their learning needs, and builds on their achievements and attainment from the main Forest Oak site; this curriculum is already in place and will continue at the new Centre.

Our pathways allow our students to access the curriculums at varying degrees, as learning is a key pedagogy approach at the centre; this allows staff to work upon

exploring the motivations of our learners and then using these interests to support the curriculum. This allows our students to reduce anxieties related to learning and be able to focus upon the acquisition of new skills in a calm positive manner.

ICT

Our students at the Centre will all be given their own iPad, and they will have access to a centre set of class laptops and also the Main site ICT suite as appropriate. All classrooms will have a whiteboard to aid teaching and learning.

Safeguarding

Oakwood Centre is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. We ensure that consistent and effective safeguarding procedures and policies are in place to support pupils and staff at the main school and the Centre and follow the guidance of Keeping Children Safe in Education 2022 / 2023; if pupil or parent has a concern they should contact the school immediately.

All Centre staff will follow the whole school policy on lanyards;

Green – Staff fully DBS checked

Yellow – Non school staff – fully DBS checked

Red – not DBS checked and cannot be left alone

All staff always wear lanyards.

Please see our Safeguarding Policy on our school website for more details. Our DSL for the Centre is Kendrick Poxon and the centre will use My Concern to log any safeguarding issues. This is in line with the whole school Safeguarding procedures.

Daily Organisation

Transport

Students accessing the Oakwood Centre will be dropped off and collected from the Main Forest Oak site; the key times remain the same as the main school; 8.30 am – 3.00 pm.

Lunchtimes

The students at Oakwood Centre will all eat their lunches at the Main Forest Oak site in the newly refurbished dining space. They will access their lunchtime breaks on the main school playgrounds.

Walking to and from the Centre

Students will be accompanied on the walk from the Main school to the Centre at **all times**. Walking will be kept to a minimum.

Umbrellas will be provided.

Students needing additional support will be provided for as appropriate.

Specialist rooms at Forest Oak

Students at the Centre will continue to access the main site for the following sessions, as is appropriate to their option choices

- Art and Design
- Food Technology
- Music

They will also attend specific planned assemblies, some SMILE sessions and whole school events.

Lanyards

Our Oakwood Centre students will all wear a **blue** lanyard with the Forest Oak / Oakwood logo on that they will need to wear at all times; they will swipe these in and out at both sites so that we are compliant with safety regulations.

Enterprise

We are delighted that we are able to open and offer this fantastic entrepreneurial venture for our students. The whole aim is to develop our student's skills in careers and the world of work through our onsite 'pop up shop / café that encourages innovation. Once the enterprise is up and running then we will aim to be able offer the following events, open to families and potentially the community;

Café OI!

Cake sales

Plant sales

Bring and buy events

Craft sessions and sales

Swap shops

Clothes sales

Art gallery



We are really excited by this new venture and know that this will support our older students to continue to develop their independence and confidence.

We really look forward to showing you around the wonderful provision in September.