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Dear prospective Parents and Carers (Y6)

I hope that this letter finds you and your families well. I know that this is such a difficult time for everyone in the community and all the staff here at Beckfoot Oakbank send their best wishes.

Selecting which school your child goes to in September is always a daunting process, in 'normal' circumstances. I know that given the government restrictions in place to reduce the spread of CV19, this decision is made even more difficult for you. Open Evenings are designed to show you what a school is all about. To hear from our fantastic students, to hear from me as the Headteacher, to talk to the teachers and to meet your prospective Year Team Leader and Form Tutor. Not to mention getting a chance to look around our amazing school building and facilities. We love welcoming you all!

We have tried to capture some of the aspects of school life on our **website**. If you haven't already done so, take a look. <http://www.oakbank.org.uk/>

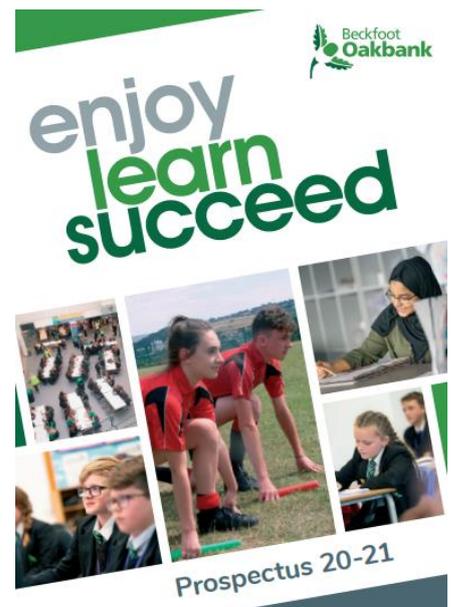


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From the website Virtual Open Day section, you can see an electronic version of our **Prospectus**. A hard copy of this will be delivered to Primary Schools during the last week in September for you to take.

Mrs Tomlinson-Askham will be your Year Team Leader. She has many years of experience in this role at Beckfoot Oakbank and the pastoral care of every new child who comes to join us will be overseen by her and her team. She has written you a letter – take a look on the website. Her photo is also below. She is supported by Miss Rhodes who is the Transition Assistant Year Leader. You can see her picture below too. Your **form tutor** will look after 25 of you and see you every day. They will know you the best in school.

From September 2020 we have established a designated **student well being team**. This is run by Mr Shearn and Mrs Peyton. They and their team are great and really know our students and community. Student well-being, especially



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now, is at the centre of everything that we do. Mr Shearn also leads safeguarding in school, an area which has been held in high esteem by Ofsted.

Look in **'subjects'**. We have a broad and balanced curriculum and all the subject areas have either made you a video or put some resources on to have a look at. The classrooms that you will learn in are brand new purpose built specific for the subject area that you are in. The enrichment video says it all! There really is something for everyone.

As soon as we can open our doors to you, we will. We want you to come and experience our great school for yourself and make up your own mind. Mrs Webber, Assistant Headteacher, will oversee **the Transition process** later in the year. There is a picture of her here and look out for her name in the future. She has taught in Keighley for a long number of years and has a passion for Science!

As the Headteacher I am thrilled that we are part of the Beckfoot Trust. We are one of 10 schools, all in the Bradford area, trying to create remarkable learning environments where no child gets left behind. I worked at Oakbank 15 years ago leading the Humanities Faculty and teaching A Level and GCSE Geography and GCSE Humanities as well as running one of the netball teams and the school ski trip. I went on to Beckfoot School in Bingley as Assistant Headteacher and then Deputy Headteacher working with David Horn who is now the CEO for the Trust. I loved working at Oakbank and loved working at Beckfoot so to be the Headteacher at Beckfoot Oakbank is a complete honour. I can't wait to meet you all.

Would you like a member of the Year team or a senior colleague to call you over the next few weeks before half term? If it would help talking things through with one of us, we are here for you. Email office@oakbank.org.uk and leave your name and number and one of us will call you.

We look forward to welcoming all of our new students and families and wish you all well over the Autumn and Winter months.

With very best wishes,



Tina Smith
Headteacher



Miss Smith
Headteacher



Mrs Webber
Assistant Headteacher



Mrs Tomlinson-Askham
Year 7 Team Leader



Mr Shearn
Well Being Coordinator



Mr Slater
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Miss Rhodes
Transition Assistant Year Leader



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