



Mill Chase Academy

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Dear Parents & Carers

Our fantastic new state of the art school building is being built on Budds Lane and we are already preparing for the move. We will move into our new building in the autumn when our school will be renamed as Oakmoor School. Our new name was chosen following extensive community consultation engaging the students, parents and primary school pupils.

The original suggestion is a combination of Oakhanger Road and Hogmoor Road/Hogmoor Inclosure which are close to the new school site on Budds Lane. Oakmoor School was the most popular name within our school community. In my Year 6 assemblies during the autumn term, the children were overwhelmingly positive about the name Oakmoor School for their new school as well.

For over 10 years, shirts and ties have not been part of our uniform. Our students were clear that this needed to change when we move and so we also consulted students and parents about different colours and combinations that they would like.

Over the last 12 months, our consultation process involved students, parents and staff suggesting possible uniform combinations. Parents of Year R to Year 11 were involved in the final stages of the uniform consultation.

These decisions will be part of our school and town community for at least 100 years. It is an exciting opportunity and a significant responsibility, so it was important that we worked together to get this right.

The photograph on the right shows our new uniform combination of grey blazer, maroon & grey tie, white shirt or blouse and optional burgundy jumper which will be worn with either black trousers or a black skirt along with black school shoes.



We are currently sourcing the best value suppliers. With our current uniform, our blazer, polo shirt, jumper and skirt carry the school badge and this makes buying uniform more expensive for parents. With our new Oakmoor School uniform, we will only be placing the school badge on the blazer and jumper to minimise the cost of the uniform for parents. As Year 11 will only need their blazer for one year, I will buy back their blazer at full price in July 2020, if it is kept in good condition. A follow up letter to current Year 10 parents will outline this arrangement.

As you know, the school is part of the University of Chichester Academy Trust and we are currently working with the design team at the University of Chichester to create our new school logo. We expect to be able to share this after the Easter holiday.

Thank you to everyone in our community who contributed to all our consultation work over the last 12 months to help shape these two key aspects of our new school.

Yours sincerely

Mr P Hemmings
Principal