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To Parents/Carers of Maiden Erlegh Trust Schools

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Dear Parent/Carer

At the start of this academic year, Maiden Erlegh Trust applied to open a new special school for 150 children with complex special educational needs from Year 1 to Year 13. We are delighted to announce that the Department for Education (DfE) has approved our application to open Oak Tree School.


The full press release is available on our [website](#).

We do not underestimate the responsibility involved in developing a new school and have always been clear that we would not take on any project which may compromise our work elsewhere in the Trust. The approval of our application is a huge endorsement both of the quality of our work with our current schools, and the faith placed in our organisation by the local community. We are confident that we have the capacity and expertise to ensure Oak Tree School is a success.

This is an exciting project, developed alongside Brighter Futures for Children, Reading Borough Council and Wokingham Borough Council, which will add much needed local places for SEND children. We would like to congratulate and thank all the staff and local partners who shared our vision for this school, and worked tirelessly on putting together our successful application.

We now begin the exciting work to realise our vision for Oak Tree School - an exceptional special school with happy, thriving and successful children and young people.

Yours sincerely



Nick Jones  
Chair of Maiden Erlegh Trust



Mary Davies  
Chief Executive Officer