



Official Opening – September 2020!

Welcome to the first edition of the Alder Grove Church of England Primary School's Newsletter! It is a privilege to be able to write this as the new Head of School and with around 30 weeks until we open, this newsletter is a place where we can update you as prospective parents and the Shinfield community about the latest news for Alder Grove and what's happening with our wonderful new school.



It has been a busy few months for Alder Grove and The Keys Academy Trust. We are delighted that we have been given the green light by Wokingham Borough Council to open in September as well as receiving confirmation that the funding agreement is in place with the Department of Education, something we are all excited about and have been aiming to secure since January 2019! A huge amount of work has gone on behind the scenes to make this happen and I want to pass on my sincere and personal thanks to the incredible team at The Keys to get us to this place.

New Schools Network

At the end of January, I attended the New Schools Network, a two-day conference in London for schools opening in September. It was a really positive few days with a chance to meet colleagues from other organisations and also to hear some brilliant speakers share their journeys as leaders in new schools. It was really good for us as a Trust and school to hear these key messages and be reassured that we have established a solid framework to get off to the best possible start.

One of the key messages from the conference and something that I have been passionate about since my appointment is the type of ethos and culture we want to create at Alder Grove. It is such an exciting and privileged position to be in – a chance to forge our own identity within The Keys Academy and the Shinfield community. Something that is very important to me, is the big picture for our Alder Grove children. It is not enough just to see them as the Reception and Nursery children starting in September, we need to know that when they leave Alder Grove they will be equipped for the next phase in their education with a strong identity and set of values. I want our pupils to know the importance of making memories, to understand that hard work in all areas of life is paramount and know that they can impact and change the world in a positive way. With these things in mind, I look forward to updating you - our local community - with future developments at Alder Grove.



Mr P Theobald
Head of School

Admissions 2020

You can still apply for places in the Nursery and Reception class for September 2020. Please follow the link for more information:
<https://www.aldergroveprimary.org/admissions>