



Dear Parents,

Healthy Things Grow....

Oaklea Montessori CIC is healthy and continues to grow... In order to ensure future growth, the current directors are delighted to announce that they are handing over the governance of the business to five new directors. Three of these are Oaklea current managers – Dawn Lewis, Hanni Heather and Laura Grosvenor. Their appointments as directors will ensure continuity for Oaklea and its special ethos. They will be supported by two non-exec directors, Paul and Stewart. Amanda Stammers and Hannah Cook will develop their roles to include all financial management. Caroline will begin to step aside from April, although she will continue training until July. The new team will direct the CIC into its next exciting stage.

Growing things change...

We are delighted to at last announce that in April 2020, Oaklea Montessori in Ramsey will expand into the space vacated by the Children's Centre three years ago. This is exciting news. Laura will stay as manager (& director), supported by Heather and Dana (her Assistant Managers) and Miriam and Morgen (her Deputy Managers).

Change brings challenge...

After many years, the directors (new and old) agree that it is time for Lawford to close. The smallest setting, it is victim to economic pressures and its closure will make sure that the other three settings remain viable. We have considered this long and hard, knowing there is no easy time to take such a decision. Sadly, Lawford will close on 17th April 2020.

Challenge presents options (& builds trust) ...

We are however **delighted** to offer Lawford children continuity of Oaklea experience at our Ramsey setting. With familiar staff moving across, we hope that it will in some way help to 'soften the blow'. Ramsey operates for longer hours and with lower fees than those at Lawford. Those who live nearer Colchester may want to look at our St John's setting as well. Lawford will remain open until 17th April 2020, ensuring that funded children receive their full allocation for the Spring term.

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We understand that many parents will want to discuss options and answer any queries. Caroline will be available at Lawford all day this Friday (13th March). Please come in to see her!

Trust builds confidence...

I am not only delighted but also confident Oaklea Montessori CIC is truly in safe hands. Our vision (which you can find on the website) says that we want to grow our leaders from within. And this is exactly what is happening! I hope that as you adjust to the news, you will join me knowing that your children's Oaklea experience will continue.

Confidence makes us healthy...

And so, please join me in congratulating the new directors and the new management as the next exciting stage of Oaklea Montessori CIC's future takes shape.

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Yours sincerely,



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