



## **Contextual Information January 2017**

Oakway Academy is part of Hatton Academies Trust, a family of Wellingborough schools collaborating in all aspects of teaching, learning and school management. The trust is dedicated to high standards of education for all students; developing opportunities for all and passion about lifelong learning.

PRIDE values underpin our ethos and practices and visitors will see, hear and experience Passion, Responsibility, Independence, Determination and Enjoyment. Children, families and staff are passionate about our lively and busy academy and work together to ensure continued rapid progress and successes. Our children are engaged, enthusiastic and well behaved and take PRIDE in the Oakway uniform.

We have an increasing roll of 619 pupils organised in 22 classes across seven year groups and our specialist class provides a nurturing environment for children in the lower year groups. Diamond Pre School and Action for Children occupy settings on the site and provide services for families and the wider community.

The academy has an experienced senior leadership team with a clear structure of middle leaders across the school with responsibilities for subject and year group leadership. There are approximately 100 members of staff who each belong to a staff team. All teams meet regularly ensuring effective communication and ongoing professional development. Our Inclusion and All Round Care teams are highly skilled, they support identified children and plan interventions to break down barriers to learning and ensure children are able to meet their potential. The Committee Members (governors) of Oakway Academy are actively involved in monitoring and supporting the leadership team and are regular visitors to the academy.

The curriculum ensures children have access to exciting and engaging progressive learning opportunities which provide them with a wealth of different experiences. Spanish, Forest School, swimming and music lessons are taught each week to enrich the children's educational experiences. A dedicated team of PE teachers deliver a high quality PE curriculum to all children and motivate children to take part in sporting competitions.

The safe and secure grounds of the academy are an enviable asset including large playgrounds, an extensive playing field (with drained football pitches) and several nature areas. Summer 2016 will see the completion of a 2.5 million build project which will result in a new sports hall, offices, classrooms, a staffroom and corridor to join the two buildings. This is a really exciting project that will ensure the building reflects the vision for the academy.

We are committed to Extended Services and provide services to the children, families and the community. We provide Wrap Around Childcare between 7:30am and 6pm, five days a week. Children have the opportunity to take part in daily clubs, at lunchtime and after school, to learn new skills or pursue an interest and can also choose to attend our Holiday Club provision.

Successful applicants will be part of a passionate team who are determined to ensure that the children of our academy have the best possible educational experiences. Staff are professional and supportive ensuring that everyone feels valued and part of the Oakway Team. The challenges and opportunities that Oakway Academy can provide will enable you to develop professionally and personally and fill you with PRIDE, cheesy but true!

**Mrs Clare Wallace  
Principal**