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Dear Parents/Carers

Oakley Church of England School and Aspire Teaching School Alliance

We would like to update you on Oakley Church of England's role as part of the Aspire Teaching School Alliance and the benefits it is bringing to the children and staff here at the school.

The Department for Education accredited Overton CE Primary School as a National Teaching School in 2014 and soon after we began to collaborate with them, and other local schools, to form the Aspire Alliance. Benefits of this partnership include our ability to access high quality continued professional development for our staff which ensures the school is forward looking and continually striving for excellence for all the children and staff.

Another aspect to the Alliance's work is training future primary school teachers. We are currently recruiting potential trainees to our *School Direct* programme. School Direct is a one year teacher training programme for graduates (including career changers) who learn "on the job" in one of the Alliance's schools. This will enable us to develop and retain high quality teachers with excellent employment prospects in the local area. All of the work Oakley Church of England Junior School is involved in will continually secure ever higher outcomes for the children.

If you or anyone you know are interested in training to become a teacher and would like more information, representatives from Aspire Alliance will be at the following locations in the forthcoming months:

Information Day

- **Saturday 25 March 2017 - Porchester Square, Festival Place, RG21 7LJ - 9am to 7pm**

Information Evening and Application Workshops

- **Monday 28th March – 6 to 8pm - Merton Junior School, Basingstoke, RG24 9HB**
- **Thursday 27th April – 6 to 8pm, Kings Furlong Juniors, Basingstoke, RG21 8YJ**
- **Monday 22nd May – 6 to 8pm Oakley CE Junior School, Oakley, RG23 7JZ**

We look forward to meeting any future teachers.

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