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PRESS RELEASE

Top UK Prep School Seeks Permission To Fully Re-Open This Month

To All Age Groups

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One of the UK's top ranked Prep Schools, Waverley Preparatory School in Wokingham, is seeking permission to fully to all year groups from w/c 22nd June. The school is currently open for all its Nursery children, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 pupils. Attendance is currently in excess of 80% and the parents strongly support the school's plans to open for the remaining year groups on June 22nd.

The Head, Mr. Guy Shore, explained, 'At Waverley, we passionately believe that children are best educated at school. Whilst home schooling can be a good backstop, it can rarely deliver as reliable and robust an education as a well-run school. We are already open to Nursery, Reception, and Years 1 and 6 pupils. We have made extensive preparations for the return of all our remaining pupils to school that mirror the procedures already in place for those pupils who have returned. These measures include smaller class sizes, social distancing, one-way systems, staggered drop-off and pick-up times, and social bubbles for classrooms and break times.'

Mr. Shore continued, 'The teaching professionals and support staff here at Waverley have spent their working lives helping young minds reach their full potential. We are an extremely dedicated team with our pupils' best interests and education at the forefront of everything we do. By the time they leave Waverley, our pupils are significantly ahead of their state school counterparts and our goal is to maintain this level of excellence. This is perhaps why the School has maintained its 'Best in Berkshire' status over the last 9 years.'

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Chair of Governors, Mr. Blair Jenkins, added, 'On Monday, the UK Government abandoned its plans to open state schools before the end of term. The Government again on Wednesday confirmed that state schools will remain closed to the other year groups. However, we are strongly of the opinion that children are best educated at school. Waverley firmly believes that it has implemented robust procedures over and above Covid-guidelines. The School is currently awaiting permission from the Department for Education to re-open as planned.'

About Waverley

Waverley Preparatory School and Nursery, located in Wokingham, Berkshire, is one of the UK's leading Preparatory Schools. The School is ranked 22nd in the UK, and 'Best in Berkshire', based on the academic results. Waverley is co-educational, providing care and education for children from 3 months to 11 years.

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