

25th September 2020

Dear pupils, parents and carers,

I'm Jonathan Dennett, the new Headteacher at Larkmead School. I was Deputy Head here for five years before going on to be Headteacher at Fitzharrys for nine years, and I am delighted to be back at Larkmead.

I hope that the start of the new year at your Primary School has been great as you get back to learning with your friends. We were really looking forward to meeting you at our Open Evening on 8th October and sharing our school with you. As that's not possible we would like to invite you and your parents to our virtual Open Event on our new website <https://www.larkmead-school.com/> to discover just some of what makes Larkmead such a special school and community.

From **8th October** you will be able to view some short films, including a welcome from me, a tour of the school, answers to some frequently asked questions, a showcase of what Larkmead has to offer and, most importantly, the chance to hear from some of our students. We know that meeting our students in person would have been a real highlight of our Open Evening and Open Morning, as they would have shared what Larkmead means to them and the warm welcome you will receive as part of your new school community.

As well as the films and other key information, we have set up a dedicated email address JoinUs@Larkmead.oxon.sch.uk for you to get in contact with us so that I can personally answer any questions. We will also be opening up telephone appointments over three days for parents to get in touch for a one to one conversation with me. Please see our website for further details.

As well as our new website, from Monday 28th September we are launching the Larkmead Facebook page - [SocialMedia@larkmead.oxon.sch.uk](https://www.facebook.com/SocialMedia@larkmead.oxon.sch.uk). There is so much going on at Larkmead that we want to share with current and future pupils and parents, and this will provide a window into what's happening at our happy, vibrant and successful school.

I've been greatly impressed by the positive start that students and staff at Larkmead have made to this unusual year. It is clear that our school's values of 'one community, individual minds, creating futures' run deep throughout Larkmead. We look forward to welcoming you to our caring and ambitious community, a school where you can be yourself and develop so many new passions and skills, and where you will have a very bright future indeed.

Best wishes



Jonathan Dennett
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Larkmead School