



1<sup>st</sup> May 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

I'm writing today to share 2 pieces of important news, which I believe will massively support the school in its journey of improvement and will ultimately benefit our students.

Firstly, since taking over as headteacher I have been eager to move all of our students on to one site, as I feel this will give us the best opportunity to become the outstanding provision we aspire to be. With that in mind I can confirm that we will be closing the Oakfield Site from **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2024** and moving all our provision to the Dale Acre Site in Netherton. For the KS3 students who currently attend this site, they will be given a work pack on the Friday and will be expected to work from home on **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June**. This will give us the time to move equipment and resources from the Oakfield site and ensure that the Dale Acre site is ready to receive all students on **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June**.

For those students travelling from the north of the borough, we will support students during the first half term, by providing a mini bus to and from Seaforth & Litherland train station. Travel passes will be available to all eligible students as usual and will continue to be issued on a weekly basis.

Secondly, you may well have seen on the news over recent years, an increasing expectation from The Government that all schools convert to become Academies. This means moving away from being under the control of a Local Authority and working together with other groups of schools instead. I am therefore, pleased to announce that as of the **1<sup>st</sup> September 2024**, the school will convert to academy status, as we join the newly formed The Peoples Learning Trust (TPLT).

The People's Learning Trust will initially be a small collection of like-minded schools, with a commitment to inclusive education for all young people. The Trust was initially formed by Everton Free School, an outstanding Alternative Provision in Liverpool with links to the Football Club. Within the Trust there are other schools similar to Impact, creating opportunities for us to work together and further improve what we're able to provide for the young people of Sefton.

Within the new trust, there is a commitment to individual schools continuing to be able to run in the best interests of their students, this means that when we convert you won't see huge changes in what we do or how we operate. What we will start to see though is more opportunities to work together with other schools, to save money on the things that we all otherwise have to buy individually and to improve school through sharing of ideas with other like-minded settings.

With the move to the TPLT, it provides us with the perfect opportunity to give the school a much needed rebrand, which will include changing the name of the school. Subsequently, from 1<sup>st</sup> September we will be known as **Waterside Academy**. The rebrand will also include a change of uniform, which the school will provide for all students. During the last half term of the year, we will ensure that all students have been measured up for the uniform, which will then be available for collection on the staff Inset days at the start of the new academic year on **2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024**. Any additional items of uniform will be available for purchase at various points in the year.

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For more information on the academy conversion or the closure of the Oakfield site and how it might impact on your child, feel free to contact me in school or send enquiries to [admin@pru.sefton.school](mailto:admin@pru.sefton.school). You can also find information on all of the above on our website at <https://www.impactsefton.co.uk>, which includes some frequently asked questions (FAQ's) around the academy conversion process.

Best Wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'J Webb'.

Mr J Webb

Headteacher