



19<sup>th</sup> December 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

### **Blidworth and Rainworth Primary School Partnership Update - December 2025**

As we come to the end of 2025, we are reflecting on how successful this has been for our partnership of primary schools. As well as achieving excellent educational outcomes for our children in the last academic year, we are also celebrating two successful Ofsted inspections at both Blidworth Oaks in April and Heathlands more recently at the start of December. However, **and more importantly for us**, our children continue to be happy and thriving in our schools and are a credit to the villages of Blidworth and Rainworth. They truly are wonderful little people!

Here's just a few quick updates of things happening at our schools at present.

#### **Office System Changes - January 2026**

The offices at all three schools are changing the systems we use for storing and managing pupil and parents/carer information. Whilst there will be no immediate change for you as parents/carers, over time these changes will hopefully improve your user experience, enabling you to communicate with us more easily through the use of one single school app. Watch this space and we will keep you informed.

Initially, there will be a lot of change for our school offices. A lot of groundwork has gone on behind the scenes at our schools to prepare for this change, and Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026 sees the launch of this new system. We would very much appreciate your patience with our school offices in the first few weeks back at school. Despite the best preparations, teething problems are likely to still happen! In the long run though, this change will benefit us all.

#### **Lake View 2 Year Old Nursery Provision: 'Little Ducklings' - Opening Easter 2026**

Building work is now well underway at *Lake View Primary School* as we redevelop the old caretaker's bungalow, turning it into an extension of the Lake View nursery and enabling the school to provide 10 nursery places for two year old children.

Although planning permission has delayed this project, we are now set to open for Easter 2026! The provision, called *Little Ducklings*, will be ran directly by the school and will mirror the 2 year old provision provided at Blidworth Oaks, called *Little Acorns*. We are extremely excited by this development because we know the impact this can have on children's education and development when we can get them into school earlier. If you are interested in hearing more about this, or would like to register your child, please contact the school.





## School Kitchens

You may be aware that our partnership of schools now operates our own school kitchens rather than buying back this service from the council. Lake View was the final kitchen to join us in September this year. This has significantly changed the flexibility we now have with menus, and working across three sites has made us much more efficient as well. I am pleased to say that we will now be reducing the Lake View meal price from £3.18, as set previously by the council, to £2.95 in line with both Heathlands and Blidworth Oaks. This will start from our first day back after Christmas, Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

In addition to this, using funding from the *East Midlands Education Trust*, we have fully refurbished the Blidworth Oaks kitchen and more recently the Heathlands kitchen. We now plan to refurbish the Lake View kitchen across summer 2026! This will again enable us to try different things on our menus and maintain food quality whilst keeping our prices as low as we can. Thank you for your support with school dinners!

## New Websites – Going ‘Live’ January 2026

Over Christmas our new school websites will become live! The new sites have been commissioned to ensure they are more accessible for people who need different access arrangements, such as people with visual or hearing impairments, as well as giving us the opportunity to renew our content. Each website has a dedicated section for parents/carers so that you can find key information easily. Once they go live (hopefully by 1<sup>st</sup> January 2026) take a look and let us know your thoughts!

Finally, once again we hugely appreciate the support of our school community across the last year. I sincerely wish you and your families a wonderful Christmas and look forward to working with you all again in 2026!

Mr Walker  
Executive Head Teacher

