



Guilden Sutton Church of England Primary School
Love and Justice for All

Dear Headteacher applicant

As Chair of Governors for Guilden Sutton Church of England School, it is my pleasure to give you an insight into this excellent school. I started thinking about what to say with the notes of the Christmas Nativity still ringing in my ears. The fact that the KS1 pupils were able to achieve a remarkable performance, in the current situation, is an illustration of how all staff and pupils pull together. The consideration and respect for everyone, part of the ethos of our school, is always evident.

Our school has long been an integral part of the village community, firstly in the old school, built in 1891, and on the present site since 1989. We have retained our contacts with many families and enjoy seeing the links between our present pupils and previous generations. The governors, parents, staff and wider community play an important role in continuing this aspect. Over recent years we have initiated and seen the fruition of several building improvements, and we are again looking to further improve our school site. All these projects involve staff, pupils, governors, parents and trustees.

The "Open Door" policy, initiated by the current Headteacher, allows parents & governors to come and ask questions and always receive a welcome. I have frequent contact with the Headteacher and am consulted as necessary. I feel privileged to play a part in the life of the school, and enjoy my regular visits to hear children read as much as I do whole-school events.

This vacancy has arisen as our extremely well respected Headteacher is retiring after 15 years leading Guilden Sutton School. The governing body would like to employ somebody who is able to build on the strengths that our outgoing Headteacher and her staff have achieved. They are a dedicated and experienced team, and this has resulted in the school receiving the highest grades from both the OFSTED and SIAMs inspections. We would like our new Headteacher to be a strong, approachable, empathetic and supportive leader who displays a sense of humour. They will be able to maintain and build on the school's achievements.

It is unfortunate that current circumstances mean you cannot visit our happy children and staff at work. The school website, however, is able to give you a true flavour of our welcoming school and provide you with plenty of information. Our Headteacher hopes to be able to arrange a walk round visit for short listed candidates.

I have tried to give you a brief flavour of how the governors support and oversee life in Guilden Sutton and of what a very special place this school is. This vacancy offers an exciting and stimulating opportunity. If you require any further information from me, please email. We all look forward to receiving your application.

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