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Candidate Letter from Headteacher

Dear Candidate,

Thank you for your interest in the role of Assistant Headteacher for Teaching and Learning at Church Stretton School.

I am excited about extending our senior leadership team. This appointment will give us greater capacity to work alongside teachers and subject leaders, develop staff at every stage of their career, and make sure that our improvement priorities translate into pupils' everyday experience in lessons.

We are a school with a strong sense of community and a clear ambition to keep improving. Our values of Belonging, Ambition and Resilience matter to us, as does our commitment to Achievement for All. We want every pupil to experience teaching that helps them learn well, feel successful and see what they can achieve. There is good practice to build on across the school, and this role offers the opportunity to help make that practice more consistent.

You will work closely with me, our Deputy Headteacher, and the wider senior leadership team. I am looking for someone who enjoys the practical work of school improvement: getting to know colleagues and their classrooms, helping them develop their practice, and following through to see what difference our work makes for pupils. You will bring ideas and energy, but also the judgement to listen, build trust and focus on what will help.

You may be ready for your first Assistant Headteacher role or already have senior leadership experience. What matters most is that you are an excellent teacher who has helped others improve and can show the impact of your leadership. We will support you as you get to know the school and develop in the role, while giving you the opportunity to make a meaningful contribution from the outset.

I would strongly encourage you to visit Church Stretton School. It is the best way to meet our staff and pupils, see the school in its Shropshire setting, and decide whether this is the right opportunity for you. To arrange a visit or an informal conversation, please contact sarah.compton@csschool.co.uk. Visit dates: Tuesday 29th, Wednesday 30th September, Monday 5th October.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Andy Wood

Headteacher