



Dear Applicant

Class Teacher

Welcome to Bulford St Leonard's Church of England Primary School and thank you for your interest in this post. We hope the information enclosed in this pack inspires you to apply for this role.

The Acorn Education Trust

Acorn Education Trust was established in 2014 to provide a local solution to a national strategy. Our mission: to "prepare young people for their world in their time" through excellent leadership, excellent teaching and excellent learning is at the heart of all that we do. In every Acorn school you will see:

- active and visible leadership
- care, support and challenge
- opportunities for all
- readiness to reach out
- needs of all are paramount.

Kingdown School is the founding school alongside Dilton Marsh Church of England Primary School and The Avenue Primary School. Acorn now serves 17 schools (3 secondary and 14 primary).

One of the Trust's main operational objectives is to ensure the Headteacher focuses on leading teaching and learning, so the business element is mainly managed by Trust staff. Reducing back office staff by sharing resources, improving IT and school to school support is keeping each school financially healthy and directing as much money as possible into teaching and learning. As mentioned in the acrostic above, professional development is a key priority and we hope that whoever joins a school in the Trust will see the potential career opportunities within Acorn.

While Directors are very keen for all schools to develop their unique identity and serve their community, there are key areas where the Trust expects to see standardisation or alignment. Within the primary school context this relates to: assessment; health and safety and various policies.

The Directors maintain overall responsibility for all Trust schools, however they delegate many tasks to each school Academy Council of Governors through the scheme of delegation. The latter are the guardians of:

- the standards in the school
- the safety of the students and staff
- the management of the finances and assets
- the school's identity and community ethos.

Bulford St Leonard's C of E Primary School Academy Council works collaboratively with the Senior Leadership Team to ensure high challenge and support.

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The School

Bulford St Leonard's Church of England Primary School is situated at the heart of the friendly village of Bulford, Wiltshire and serve both local and military families. As a new member of the Acorn Education Trust family, we are excited about the opportunities for both our staff and pupils to continue to flourish.

Bulford St Leonard's CofE Primary School is a school where future are created. We make this a reality for our pupils by focusing our curriculum on active learning and real-life first-hand experiences; this helps students understand its relevance to life.

Our focus as a school is to prepare children, not just for the next stage of their education, but for the next stage of life. We insist on high standards of behaviour and respectful relationships, so that everyone feels safe enough to have a go and take risks in their learning or their teaching. We also have strong relationships with St Leonard's Church and have weekly collective worship for all pupils to further their personal Christian journey.

For the successful applicant we can offer:

- Enthusiastic children from a wide catchment area who are eager to learn and are proud of their school
- A genuine commitment to your professional development and well-being
- A committed, cohesive and caring staff team
- A skilled and supportive Academy Council who work in partnership with the Head, staff and the Trust;
- Support and collaboration with other professionals within the Trust and local cluster

Your application

For more information, please visit the <u>Bulford St Leonard's CofE Primary School website</u>. To arrange an informal discussion for more information about the role please contact the school admin officer on 01980 632309 or at <u>admin@bulfordstleonards.org.uk</u>.

To apply, please click the apply button on the TES website and send a letter of application to admin@bulfordstleonards.org.uk.

With many thanks for your interest in Bulford St Leonard's C of E Primary School.

Yours sincerely

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