



Dear Applicant

Class Teacher

Welcome to West Ashton 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
- respect, recognition and resilience
- 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.

The West Ashton Church of England Primary School Academy Council works collaboratively with the Senior Leadership Team to ensure high challenge and support.

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The School

Overlooking the beautiful west Wiltshire countryside and the county town of Trowbridge, West Ashton Church of England School is a thriving academy, within the Acorn Education Trust. The school is situated in the charming village of West Ashton just off the A350 giving excellent access to Bath, Chippenham, Swindon and the M4 motorway. The original 1846 building still forms the heart of our now larger school and a continuing link with our long history, while the church just across the field is a daily reminder of our role as a church school at the heart of the community. As well as KS1 and KS2 classes, we have a foundation stage unit which caters for 4 year old reception and 3 year old nursery children so we can offer a complete early years curriculum to ensure they are ready for KS1. Everybody is valued at West Ashton and everybody takes part.

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

To arrange an informal discussion for more information about the role please contact Claire Brown (School Administrator) at admin@westashton.wilts.sch.uk. For more information please visit our website, [West Ashton Church of England Primary School](http://www.westashton.wilts.sch.uk).

To apply, please click the 'quick apply' button on the TES website and write a letter of application (no more than 2 sides of A4) outlining, addressed to Acting Headteacher Alex Blake-Thwaite, your philosophy of education and send by email to admin@westashton.wilts.sch.uk by the closing date.

With many thanks for your interest in West Ashton Church of England Primary School.

Yours sincerely

David Middleton
Chair of Acorn Education Trust Directors

Sara Edwards, CEO Acorn Education Trust