We are delighted that you are interested in teaching at Holly Hill Primary and Nursery School and would like to take this opportunity to tell you a little bit more about us.

I have been in post as Headteacher since November 2017, and along with my senior leadership team and the rest of the staff, we are very ambitious for our school. Since becoming Headteacher, we have had a ‘Good’ Ofsted inspection in June 2018 and a second ‘Good’ inspection in November 2023 (we are therefore not in the Ofsted window which is always good to know!)

We are looking for a teacher who is excited about becoming part of our team, someone who has lots of fresh teaching ideas and someone who sees themselves as part of the drive towards excellence at Holly Hill.

Our children are happy, well-behaved and keen to learn. They engage whole-heartedly with a range of exciting learning topics and they love to be active and engaged. The school currently has approx. 330 pupil on roll and has a structure of mixed age classes.

Our =class structure is:

Nursery/F2 – Early Years

Year 1, Year 1/2, Year 2 – KS1 (3 x classes)

Year 3, Year 3/4, Year 4 – Lower KS2 (3 x classes)

Year 5, Year 5/6, Year 6 – Upper KS2 (3 x classes)

We have a very inclusive ethos that we are very proud of and this has given us a reputation for excellence when it comes to children with SEND. We need staff who understand this and can implement a range of strategies to support these children and the challenging behaviour that sometimes presents in relation to SEN needs.

Our parents are fabulous. They are supportive and we have very positive relationships with them. This comes from an open door policy and lots of good communication. We hold regular open mornings and a variety of events to ensure that they are regularly in school and feel ‘in the know’ about their child’s education. We pride ourselves in going ‘over and above’ in ensuring that our parents are happy and reassured and would always encourage them to speak to us about any problems so that we can help, rather than letting something linger and become a big worry.

Our team is experienced, supportive and exceptionally hard working. The turnover of staff is low demonstrating that people are happy here and 100% dedicated to making a difference to the lives of the children in our community.

At Holly Hill we genuinely care about the ‘whole child’ and invest in nurture and supporting emotional well-being. We are looking for a teacher who cares about the children and invests time in getting to know and understand them individually. ‘Relationships first’ is at the core of our behaviour policy. We need staff who are aspirational for all children and are passionate about inclusivity and opportunities for all. Our school values the wider experience for every child and offers a range of residentials, educational visits and after school activities that we would love a new member of staff to get involved with. The whole curriculum matters to us and we want staff to be creative and innovative about how they deliver all subjects.

We warmly welcome applicants to view the school and get a feel for what it is like here.

Thank you for taking the time to consider our fabulous school as a place you’d like to work – we very much look forward to meeting you.

Mrs. Leanne Steed

Headteacher