## **INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES**



## Welcome to Pocklington Junior School







Dear Applicant,

I am truly honoured to welcome you to Pocklington Junior School, an average sized Junior school serving the community of the charming market town of Pocklington, East Yorkshire.

At Pocklington Junior School we are committed to making learning exciting, fun and memorable. We understand that a positive and engaging learning environment fosters curiosity, creativity, and a lifelong love for learning.

Ensuring the happiness and full potential of every child is our key objective, and I am delighted to be part of a team that shares this vision. At Pocklington Juniors we firmly believe in the power of education to transform lives, and we are committed to providing the necessary support to help each child thrive academically, socially, and emotionally.

The school's resources and staff expertise are impressive and I am proud to be part of a school that prioritises children's wellbeing. We are confident that our resources, coupled with the passion and dedication of the staff, enable us to create a nurturing and enriching learning environment for all.

The school values of respect, commitment, individuality, and ambition deeply resonate with me. I wholeheartedly believe in living these values and fostering an inclusive and respectful community where every individual's strengths and talents are celebrated.

Mrs Kelly Foxton

Headteacher



We are an average-sized Junior School, currently accommodating 290 students divided into 10 classes. However, starting in September, we will be transitioning to 9 classes, with the addition of a Nurture Class.

It is worth noting that in 2019, our school received a positive evaluation from Ofsted and was judged to be good, reflecting our commitment to delivering quality education.

Within the community we serve, our school enjoys a strong reputation and is well regarded. The Headteacher, who assumed the position in February 2023, brings new leadership and an exciting vision for the future. This presents an excellent opportunity to join our school during a period of significant development.

As a potential candidate, you would have the chance to contribute to the growth and progress of our school, working alongside a dedicated team of educators and participating in shaping the school's future.

The information in this pack can only tell you so much about our school. Please take time to look at our school website and our

Twitter: @pocklingtonCJS Website: Pocklington Community Junior School (pocklingtonjuniors.co.uk)

If you would like to arrange a visit please contact the school: Call the team on 01759 302224 Or via email admin@pocklingtonjuniors.co.uk



















School is special because we have lovely teachers.

All the teachers and people are nice.

You can play sports.

You get to do different lessons and we do fun activities in lessons.

You always have friends to play with and fun things to do at playtime.

We learn new things which are fun.

We have delicious dinners.

PJS has a good mix of people - it's quite diverse.

There's someone for everyone - it's very friendly.

It's really easy to make friends here.

We have lots of rewards and things to celebrate how hard we work.

The teachers and staff are really friendly.

You can just be yourself - there is no judgment.

There are so many things to do and lots of resources - especially outside!

We have lots of rewards and things to celebrate how hard we work.





"Pocklington Junior School will always hold a special place in my heart. The staff's unwavering teamwork is truly remarkable; we work together to uplift each child's spirits and create a safe and loving environment for children to create many life-lasting memories. It's heart-warming to witness the growth of students who blossom with newfound confidence, thanks to the caring and dedicated individuals who create an environment where learning and self-assurance thrive. I think the best thing about PJS is how each child is respected and encouraged to be an individual - a variety of support is offered in many different forms helping to shape children's positive learning experience. Staff really do take the time to get to know each child thoroughly, supporting their journey through Juniors"

"It has been a wonderful experience joining such a dedicated team who care deeply about the education and wellbeing of every child at Pocklington Junior School"

"A school is just a building. It's the hardworking, enthusiastic and friendly team, from the cleaners to the head that transform the building into wonderful space to learn and it's the children that make it so special"

"Having worked at the school since 2007, I've seen all sorts of changes, one thing that hasn't changed is the staff team spirit and how everyone is there to create a happy, caring and educational environment for the pupils"

"Pocklington Junior School: warm, friendly, caring, and supportive colleagues create a positive work environment for all"



We are seeking an individual who embodies the following qualities:

- · Passionate about education: You have a deep passion for all aspects of education and its transformative power.
- · Enthusiastic: You approach your work with enthusiasm and energy, inspiring those around you.
- · Creative: You possess a creative mindset, constantly seeking innovative solutions and approaches to challenges.
- · Positive and resilient: You maintain a happy demeanour and have the ability to think through obstacles and find creative solutions to problems.
- · Open to learning: You have a love for learning and are willing to explore new ideas and approaches.
- · Forward-thinking: You are driven to propel the school forward, contributing to its growth and progress.
- · Sense of humour: You appreciate the importance of joy and laughter, and you are comfortable in an environment where laughter is common.
- · Charitable spirit: You are willing to participate in activities for charity, demonstrating your commitment to giving back to the community.
- · Playful and adaptable: You embrace the opportunity to wear festive attire, get dressed up in amusing outfits, and enjoy the occasional school event.

If you possess these qualities, you would be an ideal candidate for our team.

If we sound like the school for you we encourage you to arrange a visit, please get in touch.





Thank you for your interest in our school. I'd like to tell you a little more about the ethos and values that make our Pocklington Juniors a special place:

Everyone associated with the school takes pride in being a part of it, fostering a sense of belonging and community.

The School Improvement Plan is taken seriously, focusing on excellent teaching and learning, creating a caring learning community, and providing first-class resources.

The school maintains a strong vision of excellence, aspiring to be the best in the world. This requires a team of staff members who are committed to being the best at what they do.

Pocklington Junior School embraces a culture of trying new things, encouraging innovation and creativity.

The pupils at the school are highly regarded, demonstrating positive qualities and potential.

There is a collective commitment to working hard because the pupils deserve the best from the staff.

If your values and skills align with the school's vision and ethos, it is suggested that you will enjoy being part of the team.

The school values real leadership and team-playing, seeking individuals who can contribute to both aspects.

Pocklington Junior School believes in investing in people, providing high-quality training, and fostering a commitment to continual improvement for the development and growth of all staff members.



We are part of a wider family of schools in the Wonder Learning Partnership along with Stamford Bridge Primary School, Melbourne Primary School and Woldgate School and Sixth Form College. The Trust is passionate about working in partnership to provide the best education for our children along with ensuring colleagues are supported in career development.

Our ethos is very much about our schools retaining their uniqueness and being true to the communities they serve. As the Trust enters a period of change launching under the name Wonder Learning partnership\* their values are defined as:

## **Educate I Empower I Engage I Enrich**

**Educate**—we are committed to educating the whole child and believe every child should reach their potential

**Empower**—we will empower our whole school community through support, development and value in the pursuit of excellence

**Engage**—we will engage in best practice to develop the personal qualities and aspirations of pupils and staff

**Enrich**—we will ensure our children are exposed to a wealth of experiences and opportunities

The Trust consists of dedicated colleagues for CPD, school improvement, staff wellbeing as well as operational areas of finance and compliance. We are incredibly proud to have dedicated staff with expertise in these areas to help drive forward educational and personal growth.

## "Wonder is the beginning of wisdom" Socrates