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St Michael's Church of England Middle School

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Thank you for requesting details of this post. In this pack you will find details of the job and details of our school. To obtain an application form please follow the link below\*.

You may wish to find out more about our school and neighbourhood by checking the following websites:

[www.stmichaelsmiddle.org](http://www.stmichaelsmiddle.org)

<https://www.wimborneacademytrust.org/>

<https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/home.aspx>



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<http://www.bournemouth.co.uk>

<http://www.poole.gov.uk>

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## The Job

This is a very exciting time to join St Michael's as it continues its journey as a founding member of the Wimborne Academy Trust. Not only will the successful candidate be joining an ambitious school which wants to do the very best for its students- there are also likely to be plenty of opportunities to sharpen your professional skills with peer to peer support and challenge through the Wimborne Teaching Alliance which sits at the heart of the Trust. We are delighted that we have been able to support personal ambitions by regularly promoting or seconding staff to the work of the Trust.

Working with partner schools the Trust has produced an innovative and fully sequenced new curriculum which will be launching in September 2021. There will therefore, be opportunities for newly qualified teachers to establish themselves or indeed for more experienced teachers to influence the implementation of the new content. The school has good facilities for ICT but is keen to be ambitious and invest in any developments that will support our learners. We currently have two ICT suits (although we have a third room set up under covid restrictions as well as two sets of portable laptops for use outside of ICT lessons. The post is for a Computer Science and ICT teacher but as is the nature of middle schools the successful candidate will be asked to teach at least one other subject to fill their timetable; being able to teach maths would be an advantage in this context but, regardless, please state which other subjects you could become involved in.

We welcome visitors to school but appreciate timing and COVID make this harder. We would be more than happy to 'meet' online or by phone to answer any questions prior to applications closing. Please do check out our website for more details about the school and please phone: 01202883433 or email [office@stmichaelsmiddle.org](mailto:office@stmichaelsmiddle.org). Mrs Wellman if you would like more information.

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## The School

St Michael's is a Church of England School which, in 2008, was one of the first Middle Schools in the country to be awarded Specialist Status in Sports and Science. We are a growing school which has become consistently oversubscribed in the last three years; currently we have 604 pupils on role, 34 colleagues on the teaching staff and 12 teacher assistants. In 2021 it is celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

St Michael's achieves high standards and has a robust self-review procedure to explore ways of maintaining and improving these standards. We do not, however, believe in change for change's sake and so we constantly challenge ourselves first with the question, 'Is this going to be better for the pupils?'. We have had our efforts recognised by Ofsted 2018, Healthy Schools Award, Eco Schools Silver Award and recently Sainsbury's School Games Platinum Kitemark. We are also a UNICEF Rights Respecting School Level 1 award.

A major feature of the work of the staff at the school is the range of clubs and activities on offer to the pupils. Applicants are invited to demonstrate which clubs / activities they might be willing to offer. Each year there are Activities weeks with both residential and day trips available to the pupils. Year teams share the responsibility for organising and staffing these visits.

The school is organised around four Year Teams, each led by a Head of Year. We are engaging fully in workload reform because we believe that investing in teacher time is the best way of ensuring the highest standards for pupils. All our staff receive PPA which is pro rata to the hours they work. We have also employed two Supervisory Teachers who cover short term absence and are able to provide a strong continuity when teachers are absent.

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## Wimborne Academy Trust

Governors voted in January 2015 to become a founding member of the Wimborne Academy Trust. We are a forward-looking trust, committed to excellence in learning so that all pupils realise their potential. We provide creative and innovative learning opportunities, nurturing each pupil as an individual. We value collaboration, respect, compassion for others and a sense of community. Our pupils love learning, are secure, confident and achieve highly. They are poised to be life-long learners and responsible citizens with a global perspective.

Our schools work together to achieve:

- Outstanding teaching
- High standards of achievement
- A vibrant learning culture, based on innovation and creativity
- The spiritual, moral, social, cultural and emotional development of every pupil
- School improvement beyond our trust

## The School Building

The school which opened in 1971 is a single-storey building with general teaching wings built around a courtyard and a block of practical areas for each of the three Design Technology disciplines plus a Science Lab. There is a multipurpose Hall, Music Room and Art Room. The school is also very fortunate in possessing its own indoor heated Swimming Pool which helps to widen the range of physical activities open to the children. Many of the school's facilities are used by the local community. In 2013 with support from our active School Association an Iron Age Hut has been constructed in our school grounds to enhance our history curriculum. In 2015 the school opened its new Studio Gym with new changing facilities for the Swimming pool. Due to the growing numbers in school we have recently added two classrooms and further extended our school hall.

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## Partnerships

Most of the children transfer from four feeder First Schools (5 – 9) in the area of neighbouring villages, and transfer at 13 to Queen Elizabeth's Upper School (13 – 18), a fifteen form entry school in Wimborne. Close ties are maintained with all these schools. The school site immediately adjoins that of Beaucroft Special School.

St. Michael and All Angels Church offers a ministry to schools in the parish and there are close links between members of the ministry team and St Michael's. The Vicar is an ex officio member of the governing body of [St. Michael's Church of England Middle School](#) which has a total of four foundation governors from St. Michael's congregation who are all involved in the day to day life of the school. The Vicar holds a Church assembly for each year group of the middle school each term and leads two whole school assemblies termly as well as being involved in other aspects of the life of the school.

## Our Area

St Michael's School is situated in Colehill which is a residential area on the outskirts of the pleasant market town of Wimborne Minster in a beautiful part of Dorset. There is open country to the north and the sea at Poole and Bournemouth is about eight miles away. The ten acre site is idyllic, set amongst fields and woodlands, some of which have been retained on the site and includes several ancient barrows. The extensive grounds not only give scope for environmental teaching but also for a wide range of outside activities. There is a busy house building programme in the local area and it is expected that St Michael's will be expanded in the future to accommodate the expansion of places required at this age range.

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