26th January 2024

Dear Applicant,

It is my pleasure to introduce myself as the Chair of Governors of Ryelands Primary and Nursery School and to encourage you to apply for the position of Deputy Head at our school.

I am sure that you will be doing your 'homework' investigating the school and the post. A great deal of the appointment paperwork is necessarily formal, but I hope you can also look beyond to get a flavour of why we as governors feel so strongly that this is a very special school.

There are eleven of us on the governing body and we will all be involved at some stage of the appointment process. We come from a variety of different backgrounds - education, business, health care, finance - and we look forward to working closely with the successful candidate to continue the school's advance. We know that we have a strong staff team, committed to providing the very best for our pupils. We recognise that we have an outstanding headteacher, ably supported by a diverse and talented senior leadership team. We are losing an excellent Deputy Head but are delighted that another local school will now benefit from his leadership skills. We now seek an enthusiastic and caring professional to provide new dynamism in this key role. It is a great opportunity for the right personality to make a real difference to so many young lives.

I hope you enjoy learning a bit more about us. If you would like to see the school in advance, then please contact the headteacher Linda Pye to arrange a visit. At our last Ofsted inspection, a colleague governor expressed our view of being so proud of the school. I don't think it will take you too long to recognise why we feel like that.

Your sincerely

Andrew Jarman

Chair of Governors