



Kniveton C of E Primary School
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25th March 2024

Dear Applicant

On behalf of the Governing Body, I would like to thank you for your interest in our vacancy for the position of Headteacher at Kniveton C of E Primary School. This exciting opportunity has arisen because of the forthcoming resignation of the current Headteacher, at the end of the summer term in 2024, to take up a Headship in another school.

Kniveton C of E Primary School is a small, rural school in the heart of the village with a strong Christian ethos, forming an integral part of community life. We pride ourselves on our nurturing environment and family values, reflected in our motto, 'Ambitious Achievers, Committed Learners and Responsible Citizens'. We provide an inclusive atmosphere in which all our children can flourish and reach their full potential.

In March 2020, the school underwent an Ofsted inspection and received a rating of 'good' in all areas; we were very proud of this result given the new inspection framework and criteria. It was particularly pleasing to read the positive comments in the report with respect to the pupils:

- 'Pupils are proud to attend. They skip into school with smiles on their faces.'
- 'They told us they feel safe in school and that the staff are kind and caring.'
- 'Pupils told us that everyone is different, but we are all equal.'
- 'The quality of pupils' written work is of a high standard throughout the school.'

In December 2023, Kniveton C of E Primary School received the amazing news that it was ranked 2nd among all primary schools in England (15,726) for reading, writing and maths scores last year. A personal letter of congratulations was received from the Minister for Schools - the Rt Hon Damian Hinds MP.

The SIAMS report of 2017 gave a rating of 'outstanding' in all areas.

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The Governing Body and staff are seeking to appoint a dedicated, enthusiastic, forward-thinking individual to lead our school to further success - someone who will provide challenge and encouragement to all pupils and staff.

We are looking for a Headteacher who:

- is an inspirational leader with enthusiasm, energy and vision.
- is approachable, compassionate and supportive in whatever capacity required.
- can build on the school's success and has the passion and drive to push the levels of achievement even higher.
- can reinforce our high expectations around the outstanding conduct and behaviour of our pupils.
- will be involved in all aspects of school life, bringing an element of fun and excitement.

I would highly recommend a visit to our school, which can be arranged through our Headteacher, Mr Luke Redfearn. Please call school on 01335 342573 to talk to Luke and arrange your visit.

You can find a virtual tour of the school on our website - 'knivetonprimaryschool.co.uk'. This was produced for our Open Day in October 2023.

We have a closing date for applications of 28th April 2024.
We will be shortlisting by 1st May and will conduct interviews on 9th and 10th May 2024.

We hope that our new Headteacher will start in September 2024.

We very much look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

Doug McConnachie
Chair of Governors