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Dear Candidate

Thank you for showing interest in Combs Infant School.

The governors, the staff, and the local community work very hard to provide a creative and challenging initial learning experience for our young pupils.

They are our first priority, and we are seeking to appoint a Headteacher (0.8 FTE) who can compliment our current staffing arrangement and will continue and develop the work of the departing Co-Headteacher who led / co-led the school for the last 12 years.

The school which consists of a Nursery, Reception and Years 1 and 2, is classified as outstanding by OfSTED following their last visit which took place a number of years ago in 2006.

Its location, in a small village surrounded by hills, can only be described as idyllic. This location helps to promote an atmosphere which is friendly and encouraging - a very safe environment. In addition, the location is well suited to the Forest School activities keenly pursued by the school.

The school is at the centre of village life. The main buildings are leased from the Village Hall Trust (whilst the new Rotunda is the school's own building) and school functions are well attended by the local community. This is a relationship which has grown over the years.

As for the parents it is true to say that they do everything to support the school and meetings achieve an attendance that would flatter larger schools in the area.

The successful candidate will inherit a small but highly able staff who ensure that the day-to-day operation of the school is smooth and effective. It is worth noting that this high standard of operation was maintained throughout the Covid pandemic, with highly successful use of online learning.

All the members of the Governing Body are well trained and work closely with the staff, meeting for social occasions as well as conducting the formal business of the school. Combs maintains a positive budget, has never been in deficit and has always invested money in the school curriculum.

If you visit you will find hard evidence of this investment commitment in information technology, the installation of environment-saving measures such as solar panels and heat pumps (installed so that the young children can see the value of using natural means to lower the carbon footprint of the school) and, most significantly, the new environmentally friendly wooden Rotunda classroom, constructed in 2019.

We are looking for a successful leader and practitioner who enjoys teaching and who can lead the school in facing the new challenges that lie ahead.

Yours sincerely

Mr N Boden  
Chair of Governors

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