



Providing Positive Experiences for Children

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Dear Colleague

Holly House School

As Chair of Governors, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your interest in the vacancy of Headteacher at Holly House School. I trust that you will find this School, if you are a successful applicant, provides you with an excellent opportunity to develop your career.

Our School is a challenging, yet extremely rewarding, environment to work in. We are working with some of the most disadvantaged young people in Derbyshire. Our School Community covers the whole of Derbyshire and sometimes beyond.

Since the last OFSTED inspection report, school has addressed all of the development points identified and I can, as Chair of Governors, confirm that a robust Improvement Plan has been in place to continue to drive up teaching and learning standards across school.

School has continued to develop its approaches to further improving the outcomes for its students. We are proud of the attainment and personal development outcomes for our students which have resulted in successful transitions to Key stage 4 opportunities. We are also continuing to address, in a positive way, the wellbeing and the personal development of our much valued staff.

We are proud of all aspects of our school but I would mention, in particular, the contribution that our purpose built Nurture Centre and our Residential Unit have made to improving the education and the lives of some of our most challenging students. Our residential unit was recently identified as 'Outstanding' by OFSTED.

To sum up, we genuinely feel that we 'Provide Positive Experiences for our Children' and equip them with the skills to make a success of their future lives. Our parents tell us how much they value the education and experiences that we provide.

Our retiring Headteacher and the whole of his staff team take full credit for this. The Governing Body are therefore seeking to appoint someone who can not only build on this success but who can also provide new ideas and inspiration in the next phase of the development of Holly House School. Not only will the successful candidate be able to demonstrate exceptional leadership and management skills but he or she will also have a clarity of vision to take the school forward to the next stage of its development.

There is ample information in the public domain for you to make an initial assessment as to whether you feel that you are that person. We would also welcome visits from and discussions with prospective candidates in advance which can be arranged by contacting school.

We look forward to receiving your application and meeting you at the selection process.

Yours sincerely

S. A. Pacey
Chair of Governors