



Melbourne Junior School

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Dear Candidate,

The Governors, staff, children and parents of Melbourne Junior School would like to thank you for expressing an interest in the Headship of our school. The Governing body is seeking to appoint a candidate who will have the passion, drive and inspiration to continue supporting us on our journey.

We are extremely proud of our school and pleased with the recent Ofsted evaluation which continues to rate us 'Good'. As a school we are totally committed to building on the work that has already been achieved towards raising standards across all areas of the curriculum and promoting the inclusive education of each young person in our care.

Our recent Ofsted report identifies the need for more work on understanding the full nature of the impact of the support given to Pupil Premium children in achieving the best outcomes.

We have already made significant progress, but we are not prepared to rest on those achievements. We want the best for and from our children, so we are keen to see how we can live out the school motto, *'only my best is good enough for me'*, by driving continuous improvement.

At Melbourne Junior School we all work together to provide high quality education for every child in partnership with parents. All the staff work as a team to create a secure and happy atmosphere where every child can achieve their potential and are confident to succeed.

Melbourne itself is a vibrant community with the school playing an important role in village life, where according to the Sunday Times Best Places to Live, the town is one of the most desirable places to live in the UK. Melbourne offers an ideal blend of urban and rural life with open countryside right on the doorstep, and the city centre just over a 20-minute drive away, making it a highly sought after location.

You are welcome by staff and Governors to visit our school in preparation for your application and we would encourage you to also look at our website for more information.

The closing date for the application is at midnight Sunday, 2nd February 2025, with a two-day interview process scheduled to take place on Thursday, 27th and Friday, 28th February 2025. We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

David Mather
Chair of Governors