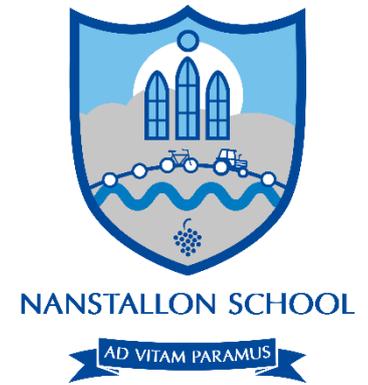


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Dear Candidate,

Welcome letter from the Chair of Governors

Thank you for your interest in the post of Headteacher at Nanstallon CP School.

This is a very special school with a strong sense of identity, a deep commitment to its children and families, and a clear understanding of the difference a nurturing, ambitious and thoughtful education can make. We are proud of our popular school and of the place it holds within the local community. We are now seeking the right person to lead Nanstallon into its next chapter.

Nanstallon CP School is a small village school with a big heart and a clear moral purpose. Our children are at the centre of all that we do. We want every pupil to feel safe, known, valued and inspired. We believe in high standards, strong relationships and a broad education that develops the whole child. Our next Headteacher will need to value all of these things deeply.

We are looking for a leader who is genuinely child centred and who will place inclusion, care and belonging at the heart of school life. We want someone who understands the importance of maintaining high standards in pupils' work and behaviour, while also protecting the richness of the wider curriculum. We are seeking a Headteacher who will build on the strengths of the school, bring fresh ideas and new thinking, and do so with wisdom, sensitivity and respect for our community.

Nanstallon is unique in its setting and in the opportunities that flow from it. Situated in a beautiful valley village, close to the Camel Trail and on the edge of Bodmin, the school is well placed to help children learn from the world around them. Our setting offers rich possibilities for outdoor learning, local study, environmental understanding and curriculum experiences rooted in place. The cultural heritage of the area adds further depth to school life and creates meaningful opportunities for children to connect with history, landscape and community.

Within school, we value a curriculum that is broad, memorable and purposeful. We want our children to experience learning that is engaging and ambitious, with opportunities to lead, to explore, to create and to contribute. We place importance on project-based learning, outdoor learning and the wider experiences that shape character and confidence. We want a Headteacher who sees cultural visits, life skills and enrichment as integral to a great primary education, not as extras.

Our school also offers something that is harder to define but immediately recognisable when you step through the gate. There is warmth and pride and a strong sense of care for one another. There is a shared belief that good manners, positive conduct and mutual respect matter. We are looking for someone who will protect and strengthen that culture, while also ensuring the school remains outward facing, ambitious and responsive to the future.

This post will suit a leader who is highly organised, an excellent communicator and able to balance strategic leadership with visible day to day presence. As a small school, this role calls for someone who is prepared to be involved fully in the life of the school, including teaching for one day each week, and who understands the opportunities and responsibilities that come with leading a close-knit school community.

In return, Nanstallon offers creative, active and enthusiastic children, a committed staff team, supportive governors and a community that values its school deeply. It offers the chance to lead a school that already has much to celebrate, while shaping what comes next with care, confidence and ambition.

Thank you again for your interest in Nanstallon CP School. I hope this gives you a sense of the school's distinctiveness and of the qualities we are seeking in our next Headteacher.

Yours sincerely,

Sylvia Oaten

Chair of Governors

Nanstallon CP School