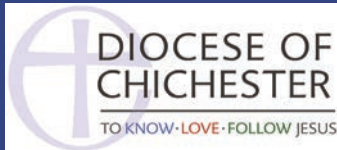




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Appointment of **Key Stage 1 Class Teacher**
From September 2026 | Candidate information



School overview

Ditchling (St Margaret's) C.E. Primary and Nursery School is a village primary with 244 children on roll, aged 2–11 years, currently organised across seven classes plus the Nursery.

We are a vibrant, caring and inclusive school. We pride ourselves on our friendly, welcoming atmosphere where children are happy, well-adjusted and challenged.

Within our community, all children and adults feel valued and are able to grow and learn in a supportive environment enriched by the Christian ethos of the school, giving everyone the opportunity to achieve the highest standards and be the best they can be.

Our vision is based on John 10:10 *"I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full."* Therefore, alongside ensuring all our children receive a high-quality academic education, by providing rich and stimulating opportunities, both within and outside of the curriculum, we are committed to enabling all of our children to develop as rounded individuals, with self-confidence and a developed sense of responsibility for themselves and others.

Ditchling (St Margaret's) is proud of its reputation for providing a safe and nurturing environment where each child reaches their full potential in their learning journey towards adulthood, celebrating all their achievements along the way, however big or small.

We are part of the Hurst Education Trust. As members of the Trust our children have access to the considerable facilities of Hurst College and our staff have access to a wide range of CPD opportunities with the College. We have, and continue to develop, strong collaborative links with the other Trust schools.

Please visit our website to find out more:
www.ditchlingprimary.co.uk



Hurst Education Trust

The Hurst Education Trust (HET) is a Multi-Academy Trust set up by Hurstpierpoint College in collaboration with the Diocese of Chichester. It exists to provide a unique offer to local schools in the Mid Sussex area.

Academic excellence is the foundation of a HET education, because we believe it opens doors to the future. Therefore every child is challenged and supported along the way in our friendly and warm community.

We are ambitious for each of our pupils and who they can become and we encourage each pupil to engage and enjoy all aspects of school life.

We want our pupils to learn the importance of certain values: a sense of duty, an awareness of right and wrong and a respect for others. We want pupils to be ambitious with a clear sense of purpose, to acquire a balanced view of life and develop into independent, mature individuals.

Schools who are part of the Hurst Education Trust receive a high quality education support package focused on the "Good to Outstanding" journey and access to Hurst College's facilities, including sports and academic provision together with specialist facilities including the theatre, farm and chapel. Importantly, schools retain their individuality, including their name, uniform and curriculum.

The Trust and its schools are open, welcoming and inclusive, embracing pupils of all faiths and none, committed to the flourishing of all of its pupils.

Diversity will be celebrated and equal opportunities available to all. It is our belief that there are core common values universally recognised across faith boundaries, dignity, compassion, the removal of disadvantage and discrimination, empathy and encouragement which help foster and create a positive school environment in which all individuals can thrive and grow.

As ever

Tim Manly

CEO Hurst Education Trust

www.hurst.education



Key Stage 1 Class Teacher

Full time, Permanent (M1 – M6)

Starting in September 2026

Role overview

We are offering an exciting opportunity for an enthusiastic person to join our community. Working together with our great staff team you will inspire our Key Stage 1 children and contribute to our development as a school.

Our community is built on enthusiastic learners, committed staff, supportive parents and Governors.





Person Specification

The successful candidate will:

- Have experience and good knowledge of teaching phonics in KS1 (ideally *Read, Write Inc*)
- Have excellent interpersonal skills and be a team player
- Have the energy and creativity to make learning experiences engaging
- Have high aspirations for themselves and the children
- Have the ability to communicate professionally both orally and in writing

- Have good organisational, planning and follow-through skills
- Enjoy the privilege of working with, and supporting, children's learning, whatever their needs
- Be highly motivated and keen to learn
- Be willing to work hard as part of a team, demonstrating a commitment to working in partnership with parents
- Is committed to support our Christian ethos, vision and values

We can offer:

- Children that are enthusiastic and eager to learn
- A strong, supportive and committed staff team
- Engaged parents and a thriving village community
- A happy workplace with friendly, supportive colleagues



Apply

The application process

Prospective candidates are encouraged to make contact to discuss the role.

Visits to the School are warmly welcomed and highly recommended. If you would like to see the School or discuss the post prior to application, then please contact the school on **01273 844130**.

Interested candidates should submit a covering letter and completed application form to **Nikki Elliott, Headteacher** at office@ditchlingsch.co.uk

The closing date for applications is:
Monday 18th May 2026

Interviews will be held on:
Friday 22nd May 2026

Safeguarding and equal opportunities

Hurst Education Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people, and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Any offer of employment will be subject to an enhanced DBS disclosure, the receipt of satisfactory references, the pre-employment medical questionnaire, relevant original ID documentation and examination certificates. The Trust understands that a robust, fair and transparent recruitment and selection policy plays a central role in achieving this aim.

Terms and conditions

National School Teachers' Pay and Conditions apply.

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