Dear Applicant,

On behalf of Uffculme Primary School, I would like to thank you for your interest in the role of SENDCo.

This is a hugely exciting role, in a forward thinking school, and we are looking to appoint a highly motivated and inspiring SENDCo to join our team You will have a passion for working with vulnerable children to ensure they receive the education they deserve. You will bring an innovative and creative approach to supporting the strategic direction and development of SEN provision across our school, whilst effectively managing and developing the progress and achievement of pupils with SEN.

Uffculme Primary School is a 7 class school, set within a beautiful village in Devon. We are lucky enough to enjoy an excellent reputation and consequently are very popular and heavily oversubscribed every year. We have a significant number of children who have additional educational needs, and there are a number of experienced staff who support them. The SENDCo will manage a team of 1:1 and pastoral teaching assistants, whilst also taking an active role in broader, strategic developments.

The school is part of the Uffculme Academy Trust, consisting of three secondary schools and two primary schools. As a MAT, we are able to reap the benefits of collaborative working by sharing best practice and developing our staff across the Trust so that we continue to improve the standards of education for all children, no matter what their starting point or their background. We have particularly strong links with Uffculme School as all of our children transition there at the end of Year 6.

The successful candidate will be a strong practitioner with experience in the primary sector. Ideally, you will hold the National SENCO qualification, or be prepared to complete this within three years of appointment. Experience of working with pupils with a range of additional needs, as well as a knowledge of the SEND agenda, is essential.

You will also be someone who:

* Has an inclusive philosophy and has excellent leadership skills
* Is fully committed to our school community and its children
* Is a qualified, experienced, high quality primary school teacher

We can offer:

* A happy, forward looking school with a hard-working team
* Good systems to support vulnerable learners
* An excellent Teaching Assistant team who undertake interventions and support
* The support of a SENDCo Assistant
* The support of the Multi-Academy Trust and a network of experienced SENDCos across our schools.

If you share our vision and values, enjoy a challenge and the rewards associated with supporting young people to reach their full potential, then we would like to hear from you.

**To apply, please complete an application form and attach a separate supporting letter of no more than two sides explaining your suitability for the post and your vision for supporting vulnerable children at Uffculme Primary School, particularly in the wake of the current pandemic.**

**The closing date for applications is 12:00 noon on 5th March 2021. A provisional interview date has been set for 18th March. We look forward to receiving your application.**

If you would like to know more, or you would like an informal discussion about the role, then please contact me on 01884 840282 or 07583166485. Alternatively, you can email me at admin@primary.uffculmeschool.net

Fraser Wallace

Headteacher