



Dear Applicant

Year 1 Class Teacher

Welcome to Wansdyke School and thank you for your interest in this post. We hope the information enclosed in this pack inspires you to apply for this role.

The Acorn Education Trust

Acorn Education Trust was established in 2014 to provide a local solution to a national strategy. Our mission: to “prepare young people for their world in their time” through excellent leadership, excellent teaching and excellent learning is at the heart of all that we do. In every Acorn school you will see:

- active and visible leadership
- care, support and challenge
- opportunities for all
- respect, recognition and resilience
- needs of all are paramount.

Kingdown School is the founding school alongside Dilton Marsh Church of England Primary School and The Avenue Primary School. Acorn now serves 17 schools (3 secondary and 14 primary).

One of the Trust’s main operational objectives is to ensure the Headteacher focuses on leading teaching and learning, so the business element is mainly managed by Trust staff. Reducing back office staff by sharing resources, improving IT and school to school support is keeping each school financially healthy and directing as much money as possible into teaching and learning. As mentioned in the acrostic above, professional development is a key priority and we hope that whoever joins a school in the Trust will see the potential career opportunities within Acorn.

While Directors are very keen for all schools to develop their unique identity and serve their community, there are key areas where the Trust expects to see standardisation or alignment. Within the primary school context this relates to: assessment; health and safety and various policies.

The Directors maintain overall responsibility for all Trust schools, however they delegate many tasks to each school Academy Council of Governors through the scheme of delegation. The Academy Council at Wansdyke School works collaboratively with the Senior Leadership Team to ensure high challenge and support.

The School

Wansdyke School is a vibrant primary school which is committed to continually raising standards and achieving excellence through providing exciting and memorable learning opportunities for every child. In our most recent inspection, we were graded as good. We have fantastic children and an engaged school community. Located on the outskirts of the delightful market town of Devizes, Wansdyke School is a thriving academy, within the Acorn Education Trust. Situated in the heart of beautiful, rural Wiltshire, Devizes has excellent access to routes to Chippenham, Swindon and the M4 to the north, and the A303/M3 to the south.

Wansdyke School is a single form entry school with a 28 place Complex Needs Resource Base, so we have 234 pupils on roll. We have no mixed aged classes and our maximum class size is 30 pupils. The resource base brings an atmosphere of inclusion and tolerance and we are very proud it is a part of our school.

At Wansdyke we aim to encourage all our children to achieve their fullest potential, not only in what they learn in the classroom, but across the whole spectrum of school life. We aspire to enable all children at Wansdyke to make outstanding progress and leave the school at least reaching the national expectation in Reading, Writing and Maths. In the Complex Needs Resource Base we provide a personalised curriculum based on each child's individual profile.

For the successful applicant we can offer:

- Enthusiastic children from a wide catchment area who are eager to learn and are proud of their school
- A genuine commitment to your professional development and well-being
- A committed, cohesive and caring staff team
- A skilled and supportive Academy Council who work in partnership with the Head, staff and the Trust;
- Support and collaboration with other professionals within the Trust and local cluster

Your application

To arrange an informal discussion or visit for more information about the role please contact our School Administrator at admin@wansdyke.wilts.sch.uk


To apply, please complete the TES application form and submit via the "Quick Apply" button on the TES website and write a letter of application (no more than 2 sides of A4) outlining your philosophy of education and how your career to date has lead you to apply for this role and send by email to admin@wansdyke.wilts.sch.uk, by the application deadline.

With many thanks for your interest in Wansdyke School.

Yours sincerely



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Chair of Acorn Education Trust Directors



Sara Edwards, CEO Acorn Education Trust