JOHN BETTS PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Candidate,

Thank you for considering the position of class teacher at John Betts Primary School. You may have had a look at our website; fear not we are in the process of updating it and our new site will give you a much better picture of John Betts.

Whilst this is in the making I thought I would give you an idea of what you can expect if you join our team. We are a relatively new Senior Leadership Team and since joining John Betts have worked towards building a really supportive staff body. One way in which we have done this is to deliver a two year rolling curriculum. This means that despite being a one form entry school you have a planning partner and someone who you are able to bounce ideas off. Our SLT are also very hands on and will support your practice through team teaching, planning and modelling.

CPD is extremely important for all staff at whatever stage of their career. Despite budget cuts we ensure that we enable all to access training that is going to support your personal goals and develop you as a professional. Training is provided by the Local Authority, independent bodies such as Osris and where suitable we work with other local schools. NQT's are provided with a high level of support and offered a years' worth of training. Middle and Senior Leadership training is also encouraged and provided where applicable.

Teaching and working in schools is undoubtedly high pressure and we are acutely aware of this. To ease this we have put a number of measures in place to alleviate this. We ensure that your PPA is blocked so that you are able to be as productive as possible. We provide breakfast on a Friday morning to have a catch up and off load the issues of the week. We arrange special events throughout the academic calendar to add some variety to the curriculum; this does mean there is a risk you may have to dress up...

Most importantly the children are absolutely brilliant. They are hardworking, eager to learn and really well behaved. They are enthusiastic and respond to any challenge they are given. They are a pleasure to teach and work with and make the harder days all worth it.

I strongly advise you to visit before you apply for an informal chat. It is so important that you find the right school for you and know that you are going to enjoy working there.

We look forward to meeting you.

Best wishes

Jessica Mair
Headteacher

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