



Hodthorpe Primary School

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Dear Applicant,

Thank you for showing interest in the post of Headteacher of Hodthorpe Primary School.

Hodthorpe is a small, dynamic and friendly school that enjoys a rural setting at the heart of the community but its reputation is such that it attracts children from a much wider area. Support of the wider community is a vital part of the curriculum such as that offered by the Harley Gallery on nearby Welbeck Estate who helped with the Bangladesh to Bolsover Rickshaw Art Project and the Crooked Spire church in Chesterfield that led an activity based around this iconic site.

I have been a Governor at Hodthorpe for over 20 years and it has been a tremendously rewarding experience especially when we have ex-pupils return to tell their story and they have become a solicitor, fighter pilot or been inspired to go into teaching themselves. The most recent Ofsted report gave an overall effectiveness of "good" but the comment, "school continues to provide the interesting and stimulating educational experience which was noted at the last inspection", shows how we always focus on the children and strive to give them inspiration.

The school is staffed by dedicated teachers, assistants and other ancillary staff, seeking to improve the learning opportunities and support offered to children. They are backed by a very supportive Governing Body that recognises the value that all stakeholders have in enabling the children to maximise their potential.

The Governors are seeking a suitable person to maintain and build upon the excellent standards set by the current Headteacher and more recently the co-Headship brought about by the wish of the long-standing Head to reduce her hours in a step towards retirement.

We are therefore looking to appoint a dedicated and enthusiastic Head who has the necessary managerial, personal and exemplary teaching ability to work in partnership with all involved in this challenging but rewarding post.

I hope that when you have read the supporting information that you will wish to apply and I look forward to receiving your application and to meeting you if you are successfully shortlisted.

Yours sincerely,

Robin Penny
Chair of Governors
Hodthorpe Primary School

