



## **WIRKSWORTH JUNIOR SCHOOL**

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Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in the post of head-teacher at Wirksworth Junior School.

I am very excited to be able to introduce ourselves to you and hope that the information that we have provided inspires you to add Wirksworth Junior School to the top of your list!

The town of Wirksworth is a vibrant and friendly small market town, surrounded by countryside and yet within easy access of larger towns and cities. The school is situated just out of the town centre and children who attend the school on the whole live within the town. There is a thriving community spirit in the town and children take part in a number activities that are community based. For example, we have a lively carnival and well-dressing (a Derbyshire tradition) in May each year and the children create a well-dressing that is then displayed at a "well" site within the town. In early September, the town is alive with artists, poets and musicians with the Wirksworth Festival, which again our children participate in and contribute to in a variety of ways. Again, linking the school and community through creativity.

In addition to delivering the curriculum, where our SATs results show that we have the potential to excel, the school strives to offer a varied experience for the children of Wirksworth. The school has a dedicated staff group and parents who want to support their children to achieve and enjoy school. We have a large variety of after school clubs that children can attend as well as lunch-time activity clubs and visiting peripatetic music teachers. As a result, the children at our school have a wide variety of experiences and can find something that they enjoy and can excel at. The school has a caring ethos and as a result has continued to offer "nurture" sessions for those children who need some extra support and also a breakfast club, where, as a member of Fairshare, we are able to offer healthy and nutritious breakfasts for those children who need an extra boost at the start of the day.

We have good links with the Wirksworth Federation of Infant Schools, who are the feeder infant schools, where the majority of children enter our school from. We have a joint am/pm club, with the Infants school, providing before and after school care for those children whose parents need this. Governors and staff are committed to ensuring that the journey that children have throughout their primary education is as smooth and successful as possible. To this end, the governing bodies of both schools are working towards a formal collaboration, with shared objectives and actions. If you are the successful candidate, you will have a pivotal role in the development of a successful collaboration, which we believe can only be to the benefit of the children in Wirksworth. Proposed new housing developments in Wirksworth also mean that the neighbourhood plans have identified potential sites for the possible future building of a new school, which if goes ahead, we would expect to be greatly involved in.

Following the retirement of our previous head-teacher at the end of the summer, the school and community are excited at the prospect of having a leader in school who can show inspirational leadership, strong motivational management and a willingness to ensure that the school continues to thrive and becomes an outstanding school as part of the vibrant Wirksworth community. If you think that you could be that person, then please come along and take a closer look. You will receive a warm welcome.

Please contact the school to arrange an informal visit.

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Chair of Governors,  
Wirksworth Junior School