**Application Pack**

Letter from Executive Head

Dear Applicant.

Thank you so much for the interest you have shown in our school. Rowdown is a two-form entry school with a morning nursery, situated in New Addington, on the Croydon border with Kent. It is a friendly, supportive, diverse and welcoming school that nurtures local children from varied and sometimes challenging backgrounds to achieve their full potential academically and socially. We are proud of all our children and all that they achieve.

I have been the Executive Head of the Fairchildes Academy Community Trust for 3 years since the Trust began in 2014. We currently only have two schools within the MAT. Our other school is Rowdown’s nearest neighbour, Fairchildes. Fairchildes is an Outstanding school and since the formation of the Trust close working links have been established across the two schools. We are also planning for a third school to join us in September 2018. This makes it an exciting time to join us and to take up the challenge of leading Rowdown.

Our staffing includes a very good range of staff. We have an experienced, enthusiastic and committed leadership team. We also have an effective Inclusion team, led by our Inclusion Manager and incorporating our SENCO, Learning Mentors, Counsellors, an Attendance Lead and our communication assistants. We also have our team of Teaching Assistants as well as our valued admin and premises staff. The school also has a supportive and pro-active governing body.

However, the biggest draw for anyone is our pupils. They are a delight to be with and make every day in the school rewarding and exciting. Please come and visit and see for yourself.

Yours faithfully

Ros Sandell

Executive Head

Fairchildes Academy Community Trust

**More Information about the School**

Rowdown has an enriched and creative curriculum which provides excellent opportunities for our children in many areas. We also work closely with several local high schools, enabling new and challenging opportunities for our children in high school environments. We encourage our children to take part (and compete) in many sporting activities. Art and Music also have a high profile within the school, which also has its own steel band.

The school itself has large grounds, with separate lower and upper school playgrounds and a large field area. Our early years classrooms also have large outdoor areas .

The school plays an active role within the community, taking part in local events such as Carnival and the Christmas Parade. We are also lucky to have an active PTA made up of a group of dedicated staff, parents and carers who work hard to raise much needed funds for additional resources for all to enjoy.

**Facts About Rowdown**

Key Facts Pupils on roll..................... 347

Age range.................4 – 11 years

Number of classes................... 14 - two form entry, plus a morning nursery

Pupils eligible for Free school meals................... 35%

Percentage of SEN pupils...............................28%

English as an Additional Language....................15%

Pupils eligible for Pupil Premium Grant............39%

**Aims and Values - Learning and Growing together**

**Our Vision Statement**

At Rowdown Primary School, we place learning at the heart of all we do, within a culture of achievement and in a vibrant and stimulating learning environment. Our vision is for Rowdown children to develop into confident and independent lifelong learners.

**Our Mission Statement**

We aim to:

* Create a culture of achievement and provide a high quality curriculum and learning environment;
* Develop and maintain a clear sense of purpose and a climate of open, friendly communication built through mutual trust and respect;
* Educate the whole child by providing varied and enriching opportunities within and beyond the classroom;
* Develop the unique talents and abilities of each individual child;
* Ensure that everyone has high expectations of themselves and each other;
* Establish a courteous, caring and safe community which embraces our values,enabling every child to learn and fulfil their potential.