



White Hill Schools Trust

Ivingswood Academy – some background information about the school

Ivingswood was opened in September 2015 when the maintained school previously known as Little Spring became an Academy. The school is sponsored by White Hill Schools Trust, a multi academy trust formed in September 2015. Ivingswood Academy educates children from the age of 2 to the age of 11.

Little Spring School was opened in September 2002. A lack of stability in leadership at the school over a period of some years led to it being deemed inadequate and being put into Special Measures by Ofsted. Securing sustainable leadership has therefore been a key priority for the Academy Trust and one of the Senior Leaders from the other school in the MAT, Chesham Grammar School, was deployed as Acting Headteacher in the summer term of 2016. Under the leadership of Mrs Sally Haynes much has been achieved and the school is making progress. A recent parental survey shows that the vast majority of parents are happy with the school and are confident that it is well led. Mrs Haynes committed to continuing in the role of Acting Headteacher for two academic years in order to bring some stability. Mrs Haynes will therefore leave Ivingswood at the end of the summer term 2018 and we are now seeking a permanent Headteacher for the school who can continue this work from September 2018.

White Hill Schools Trust is deeply committed to improving Ivingswood Academy and to giving its pupils, many of whom come from disadvantaged homes, the best possible education and start in life. In summary, there is much still to do at Ivingswood but we believe the school has made progress in a short period of time and we are looking forward to working with the new Headteacher who can build on this and, with the support of the Trust, lead the school to good as quickly as possible.

Location

Ivingswood Academy is situated on the outskirts of Chesham. Designed around a two-level courtyard and garden, the school provides a very pleasant learning environment. The grounds are extensive, well maintained and include three large playground areas for Early Years, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2, as well as playing fields. An attractive spinney bounds the eastern edge of the site, adding to the opportunities for outdoor learning.

Facilities

The school also enjoys excellent facilities, which include light, airy and spacious classrooms, a drama/music room, a nurture room, a well-equipped computer suite, an art and technology area and a recently refurbished library.

Staffing

Staff at Ivingswood are very friendly, supportive and committed to providing a very positive learning experience for pupils at the school. As a single-form entry primary school, there is a teacher and a TA in each year group.

If you would like any additional information about the school, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us, using the following email address: hr@cheshamgrammar.org

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