## BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Christchurch Junior School is a popular school for 7-11 year old boys and girls, located on the edge of the town centre of Christchurch and is now part of the Twynham Learning Multi Academy Trust – a family of schools comprising of Twynham School, The Grange, Twynham Primary School, Stourfield Infant School and Stourfield Junior School.

The school moved into brand new, purpose-built, two-storey premises in September 2001. The new school building was designed for 480 pupils and is made up of four 4-class year group areas each with its own toilets and “quiet” room. The building also comprises an ICT suite, library, Base (Resourced Provision for children with complex communication needs), hall and servery, administration areas, medical room, changing room, pastoral care room and SEN support room. A temporary building incorporating classroom, storage, toilets, kitchen and After School Club facilities was added in Spring 2002. The School has recently opened a new building to provide improved Music facilities and a Hall for serving hot meals which can also be used as an additional teaching space, eg for dance and drama. The school has its own playing fields, hard play areas and netball/tennis courts, conservation area and pond.

Classes are organised in four year groups of four, arranged according to age (ie Years 3, 4, 5 and 6). There are at present 502 children on roll (including 6 pupils in the Resourced Provision). 12.55% of the school’s roll is on the SEN register which comprises of 15 pupils with Statements/EHCPs, 50 pupils receiving SEN support. We monitor closely a further 69 pupils.

We have a teaching staff of 21.76 fte. (Our staffing complement includes a part-time specialist Music teacher).

The school also has a Base (Resourced Provision) for 6 pupils who have speech and language difficulties. This is staffed by a full-time teacher and two teaching assistants. The expertise of staff in our Base is a contributing factor to the school’s strong reputation for its commitment to Inclusion and its expert support of children with additional needs.

The support staff consists of two administrative officers, one receptionist and a senior finance officer, a part-time welfare assistant/first aider, a pastoral care worker, 28 teaching assistants, a caretaker, 6 cleaners and 11 lunchtime supervisory staff. The school has a strong commitment to Inclusion and support for children with SEN. Our most recent Ofsted inspection report (2014) judged the overall effectiveness of the school to be Good and identified many excellent features of our provision for children with additional needs.

The school is fortunate in having a very active PTFA, which helps to finance many of the school’s resources.

Numerous sporting, musical and other extra-curricular activities take place at lunchtimes and after school.

*We welcome applications regardless of age, gender, ethnicity or religion.*

*Christchurch Junior School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of our children and regularly reviews its policies and procedures for Child Protection. Part of our practice is to follow up this important issue in our request for references and to undertake an enhanced criminal record check via the DBS. Likewise, any interview for a post at the school will include questions about safeguarding children.*