



SOMERCOTES INFANT
and NURSERY SCHOOL

Somercotes Infant & Nursery School

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Dear Applicant,

Appointment of Head Teacher at Somercotes Infant and Nursery School

Thank you for expressing an interest in the post of Head Teacher of Somercotes Infant and Nursery School by sending for this information.

The Governors and staff are working to recruit an exceptional leader who has high aspirations for the community we serve.

We are currently on an improvement journey that has resulted in significant changes to both our physical environment, our staffing and governance structure, as we work towards a good inspection outcome. The school now has a team of enthusiastic staff, many of whom are new to the school. The building is being significantly refurbished to make it a bright and attractive place to learn. Much building work has been done already and the finishing touches are being finalised as I write. We also have a number of experienced governors who are excited about working with the right person to make Somercotes the school we know it can be. Last, but definitely not least, we have wonderful children who behave well and want to learn.

Somercotes Infant and Nursery School has made rapid progress in the last 8 months and we now want to appoint a Head Teacher who can continue to drive improvements and raise standards. We feel that a significant part of this will be based on the Head Teacher's ability to build successful relationships across the learning community of staff, pupils, parents and governors.

The school will become an academy at some point in the near future and we are currently in discussion with the RSC about a sponsor, therefore it is imperative that we appoint a great Head Teacher who can continue to keep the school moving forward at the right pace.

This is, without doubt an exciting opportunity to lead a team of dedicated staff to realise the potential of the school and children, ensuring that we provide secure foundations for lifelong learning. Our aspiration for all children is that we can help them to 'be the best that they can be'.

We are keen to receive applications from leaders who have vision and outstanding leadership and interpersonal skills. If you are interested in this role, please do not hesitate to contact our reception staff, as I would like to offer all candidates the opportunity to visit our school and to meet the staff and children for yourself. You will be assured of a warm welcome and we hope that if this feels like the job for you, you will apply.

Visits to the school can be arranged by contacting Margaret on 01773 602849.

The closing date for applications will be midnight on Sunday 9th October 2016 and interviews will be held on the 16th and 17th of November 2016.

With kind regards

Pennie Akehurst
Chair of Governors