

Farney Close School
Bolney, West Sussex
RH17 5RD



Letter from the Chair of Governors
Sheila Burt

Safeguarding Statement

Farney Close School is rigorously committed to safeguarding all of those within its community. All employees will be subject to enhanced DBS background checks

Dear Applicant,

On behalf of the Trustees and the Governing Body I would like to thank you for your interest in applying for the post of Headteacher. The position has arisen as a result of our long standing Head of 17 years taking retirement.

Farney Close is an independent, 5 day week residential special school with charitable status. It supports boys and girls aged 11 to 18 who have a Statement of Special Educational Need / ECHP for social, emotional and mental health difficulties. The school also supports pupils with high functioning autism, moderate speech and language difficulties, dyslexia, or other issues that can have an adverse impact on their interpersonal behaviour, emotional well-being or learning.

The school has a rich history of supporting young people over its 70 year history and is especially proud of the fact that over the last 16 years it has achieved 14 Outstanding Ofsted inspection reports for its educational and care provisions. Understandably this makes Farney Close one of the leading providers in the field of special education and a popular choice for/with young people, parents and carers and Local Authorities.

Despite this success, the school and its Governors have always recognised the importance of upward, continuous development and so the Headteacher we are looking to appoint must have the vision, energy and leadership skills to achieve this. S/he must be able to work within a multi-disciplinary team and recognise the important balance between education, care and therapy as a means of helping our young people achieve the very best of which they are capable.

This pivotal role calls for an exciting, dynamic leader who can combine a detailed knowledge of the education and care with a proven ability to manage and inspire teams across the school. You will also need a level of expertise to ensure that the school complies with all relevant statutory regulations, guidelines, governance. You must be an outstanding team player,

possess high levels of resilience – and sense of humour – and be able to combine high expectations in a way that develops the schools outstanding ethos and culture and maintains an environment where pupils and staff are happy and everyone achieves

Farney Close School is an equal opportunities employer and practises diversity in employment. The school committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. The successful applicant will be required to undergo an enhanced DBS check.

Further information about the school can be accessed through the schools website www.farneyclose.co.uk

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Application packs can be downloaded on: www.farneyclose.co.uk/headship

By post: from the Head teacher: Farney Close School, Bolney Court, West Sussex. RH17 5RD.

By phone: from the Head teacher: 01444 -881811

Visits to the school by prospective candidates are both recommended and warmly welcomed.

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Chair of Governors