

**Westwood Primary School**

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A letter from the Executive Headteacher

Dear applicant,

Thank you for your interest in the position of Head of School at Westwood Primary School.  Westwood is a vibrant and warm school and is in a strong position with improving data, very good progress  and an inspirational, dedicated staff team.

As Executive Headteacher, I lead both Westwood Primary School and Clapgate Primary School, which is a mile away.  The two schools work in close collaboration, though manage to successfully maintain their own identity and uniqueness.  The Head of School in each school works under my direction.

Westwood Primary is a 40 place entry primary school with a nursery.  Currently there are 320 pupils on roll.  The majority of our children are from a white British background, though we do have children from a range of cultural and ethnic backgrounds. We have a higher than average proportion of children with pupil premium and a higher than average proportion of children with special needs.  Because of this, we have strong, effective pastoral support and an excellent SENCo and SEN systems.

We pride ourselves on being a truly inclusive school and we believe that our school should meet the needs of each individual child.  We have high expectations for every child and are determined to inspire and motivate children to ensure they meet their potential within a highly engaging and creative curriculum.  Our school aims are:

* Everyone will learn
* Everyone will be included
* There will be a culture of inspiration and creativity

We encourage the children to be confident, passionate and independent learners.  Our school motto is: ‘If you believe you can do it, you can and you will!’  This ‘can do’ attitude permeates our school.

The governors and I wish to recruit someone with senior leadership experience to take on the role of Head of School at Westwood.  We are looking for a passionate, inspirational leader who is a proven outstanding teacher with an excellent understanding of how children learn.  We need someone who can impact successfully on teaching and learning across the school and keep children at the heart of all decisions.

As Executive Headteacher, I am very involved with both schools.  This role involves working in close partnership with me.  The role of Head of School is different from that of Headteacher.  Although the Head of School will contribute greatly to school improvement planning and creating a shared vision, ultimately they will follow my strategic lead and share the vision I hold for the future of the school.  This is an exciting opportunity for someone to lead at a very senior level within a very strong and supportive environment.  We would love to employ a positive, innovative and creative Head of School who would care deeply about the children and staff they would lead.

Leadership is very strong at Westwood and we would welcome your application to become part of our successful team.

The governors and I look forward to receiving your application.

With best wishes,

Zoe Adams

Executive Headteacher

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