



Winchelsea School

'Bringing out the best'

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Headteacher: Mrs Rachel Weldon

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in becoming our new Headteacher. The Governors, staff, parents and carers are very proud of Winchelsea which is located in Poole; a seaside town in Dorset, known for its stunning natural harbour and nearby sandy beaches.

Our school is a community special school for children with moderate learning difficulties including a growing number with more complex needs. Currently we have 106 children on the roll, with classes ranging from Foundation through to Year 11 (age 4-16).

The school has been through a period of significant change, however the current Headteacher has transformed many aspects of the school and as you will see from our most recent Ofsted report in June 2015 we are now a 'GOOD' school and have a very clear focus on the improvements required to be outstanding.

If you visit Winchelsea, you will see how our children enjoy their learning within a calm and caring environment. We are a welcoming school and the atmosphere for learning is very positive. Our motto is 'bringing out the best' and we apply this to everything we do.

Our current Headteacher Rachel Weldon will be leaving at the end of the summer term to take up a new challenge nearer her home. Governors are appreciative of the improvements she has made at Winchelsea and will be sorry to see her leave.

The school has a clear workable vision with effective systems and procedures securely in place. We want to build on these solid foundations and strive to demonstrate outstanding practice throughout. To achieve this we want to develop our partnership working and collaboration, further improve standards and establish Post 16 Education for Winchelsea.

Although our Governing Body is quite small, Governors are active in their work and visit the school regularly. We are determined to appoint the right person for our school who will inspire, challenge and support all members of the school community.



If you consider that you have the passion and commitment to take us through our next phase of development and beyond; and you have the necessary skills, qualifications, experience, supported by a proven track record to fulfil this challenging role, then we would welcome your application.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you would like to visit or find out more information.

Yours faithfully

Sally Apps

Mrs Sally Apps
Chair of Governors; Winchelsea School