



COURT MOOR SCHOOL

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Dear Candidate,

Thank you so much for your interest in the position. As a young teacher I was lucky enough to get my first job at Court Moor School; I realised even then that it was a very special place. Subsequently, years later I returned to the school as Deputy Head, although by then the Headteacher, staff and students had all changed - the essential spirit of the school was the same.

Court Moor School has an excellent reputation amongst parents and the wider community - local estate agents advertise houses as being in the 'Court Moor catchment area' as a selling point. This reputation has been built over a number of years and head teachers. The school was awarded an Ofsted 'good' in 2013 with 'outstanding' behavior, which was recently confirmed with a one day inspection visit. Ofsted noted that the senior team were '*determined and passionate about making high-quality teaching and learning the priority for everybody*' and judged the school to be not only good but with '*many strong features*'. This positions us well to aim for an outstanding in the future as our ultimate drive is to be one of the best schools in Britain – whether that matches the Ofsted criteria for 'outstanding' or not we will do what we think is best for our students.

It is a good time to join Court Moor. With Ofsted out of the way, we are able to focus on the aspects of the school that we, as a team, deem as important. The tagline for my leadership of the school is, '*A great place to be, and a place to be great*' which guides my approach to both the staff and student experience. I am determined to make the school a place which values work-life balance, and breeds respect and responsibility between all members of the school community. We are proudly traditional in some aspects of our curriculum and uniform, but not afraid to be innovative in other areas.

Special Educational Needs has been a focus for the school over the past few years and we have developed a highly skilled team of staff to deliver excellent outcomes for our students. We have expanded to three specialist teachers alongside a team of teaching & learning coaches. The department is newly housed in The Learning Hub, which is an exciting new development for the school. We aim to remove the stigma sometimes attached to SEN and make the learning hub a central part of most children's experience of school because we acknowledge all students, of every ability, need a little help sometime to do their best. We are keen to employ a positive and energetic individual who is excited about working with our many wonderful students and supportive staff.

Should you find you are still left with questions, then please feel free to arrange an informal chat about the position by calling the Director of Inclusion, Tim Sandford on 01252 615065 or by e-mailing tim.sandford@court-moor.hants.sch.uk

Thank you again for your interest in the position and I look forward to receiving your application in the near future.

Paul Jenkins
Headteacher

