



VALENTINE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in the position of Headteacher at Valentine Primary School. We hope you will find this information pack a useful introduction to our school and community and that you will proceed in applying for the post. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you require further information or would like to arrange a visit to our school.

Valentine Primary School was formed in 2014 after the amalgamation of the Valentine Infants and Heathfield Junior schools. In November 2016 and March 2019 Ofsted inspections concluded that Valentine Primary School required improvement. We are very pleased that recent Ofsted monitoring visits in March 2021 and July 21 stated that **'Leaders and those responsible for governance are taking effective action in order for the school to become a good school.'**

The Senior Leadership Team, led by our Headteacher, has worked hard to establish a school community where all are focused on learning and development, where all strive to reduce the impact of disadvantage and want children to succeed. Nearly 50% of children are eligible for pupil premium. The staff body is hard-working, forward looking, happy and supportive. The school is keen to share good practice and frequently works in partnership with other schools. Valentine Primary has recently been part of a successful bid, in collaboration with other schools, to participate in a 3 year 'Developing Creativity in Schools' project.

We are very much looking forward to appointing a new Headteacher to lead our school to build on the strong foundations that have been developed.

This is a fantastic opportunity for someone with recent and significant experience of leadership. You will have experience of working across the primary age-range and be able to demonstrate how you have contributed to school improvements in your current setting. We are looking for a Headteacher who is an outstanding practitioner with high expectations and a 'can-do' approach. We are looking to appoint a leader who can lead by example, and ensure our staff and children have access to high quality teaching, learning, support and challenge.

We can offer you, in return, the opportunity to lead our large, primary school alongside an effective senior leadership team and governing body all determined to ensure our school community continues to flourish and grow.

We strongly encourage prospective candidates to visit the school or arrange a virtual tour.

We look forward to receiving your application. Please send completed application form and a covering letter to chair@valentineprimary.co.uk by 12noon on Monday 21st March 2022.

Yours sincerely,

Penny Hollowell
Chair of Governors