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Interim Executive Headteacher: Mrs Sacha Schofield

Dear Applicant

Thank you for your interest in our Headteacher vacancy.

Becton is a multi-site school with each location hosting a different cohort of pupils. Our staff work alongside NHS colleagues at our Becton site itself and at the Sheffield Children's Hospital, while there is no NHS presence at our Kenwood Centre - largely for Key Stage 3 and 4 pupils with autistic spectrum disorder - nor at our Outreach provision at our Moncrieffe Road premises.

We take pride in the attention given by all members of staff to the care and development of all our pupils, and this has been the mainspring of our reputation for achieving successful outcomes in sometimes difficult circumstances.

Our team currently includes 18 teachers and 30 members of support staff, all of whom are expert at what they do and committed to doing it well.

At present we have 118 pupils on roll, some needing extra support for physical, emotional or mental health problems, for example, but all benefiting from the environment and approaches adopted by the school. A large proportion of our pupils are dual-registered with local mainstream schools, and follow a duly appropriate curriculum. There is constant demand for places at Becton, a demand that we cannot always meet.

We have a strong ethos of working with families and carers, so contact with home is very much the norm, and we believe that this underpins the many expressions of appreciation often received by staff for their work. Some recent plaudits received by the team at our Kenwood Centre are attached for reference.

Safeguarding and security are a high priority for the school, and both staff training and systems underpin this throughout.

It would be fair to say that, as with many schools, the budget is tight but manageable with care, and the roll-out of changes in national infrastructure are yet to be realised.

However, the Governing Body includes finance, business and education expertise, and is eager to develop a close and supportive working relationship with the successful applicant to ensure a smooth transition and a successful future for the school and its community.

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We thoroughly recommend that you visit our website at www.becton.sheffield.sch.uk and take advantage of the opportunities to visit us to see the school in action.

Yours sincerely

David Poulson
Chair of Governors