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Dear Candidate,

Thank you for contacting us about this vacancy.

If you would like to visit we would be pleased to show you around. In the meantime, here is a general introduction to the school.

We are a 3-form entry Primary school maintained by the Brighton and Hove for children aged between 5 - 11 years. There are 630 pupils on roll. The average class size is 30.

We aim to be a very open, welcoming school. Children of all abilities achieve highly in a broad variety of areas and we are very proud of them. We have high expectations of behaviour and the children respond accordingly. Our latest Ofsted report judged the school to be 'outstanding'.

Our school serves a culturally and socially diverse community. 13% of our families are entitled to free school meals. We value enormously the richness of experience that all our children bring with them.

All staff are committed to promoting all aspects of children's learning and to raising achievement throughout the school. They work extremely hard to support both children and parents/carers. The class teachers are well supported by their Year Group Leaders who also form the Leadership Team. Year groups plan weekly together to ensure consistency and to share ideas on effective teaching and learning. We are keen for the school to be a 'Thinking School and Research Based Community' in which all members of staff are regularly reflecting on their practice and developing innovative ideas and approaches.

We have a detailed programme of interventions led by specialist teachers and skilled learning support and individual needs assistants. They all provide very knowledgeable teaching across the school.

We run a highly regarded Breakfast Club and After School Club with very committed staff with good levels of experience, skills and knowledge.

We provide a very effective professional development framework. We value initiative and ideas and encourage staff to carry out regular research, carry out peer observations or to visit other schools. Recently, we have looked closely at learning community principles, EHVB, closing the gap, and an enquiry/philosophical based approach to learning. We are now looking at developing dialogic teaching and the development of a Climate Change Curriculum. We are a school used by the Government and inclusion/diversity focussed agencies to exemplify excellent practice in PHRSE. We play a leading role in a Leadership and Learning Partnership with Dorothy Stringer Secondary School, Varndean Secondary School and seven primary phase schools.

We are committed to the Arts and take part in all the major music and dance festivals and parades organised for schools in Brighton. We have a choir and orchestra and we are one of the top two schools in the authority for the variety of music provision. We have achieved Gold Artsmark, Sapere Silver Award, Science Gold, Green Flag Award, Sainsbury's Sport Award and Enhanced Healthy Schools' Status.

We have a wireless network with class laptops and tablets. We are looking into developing on-line portfolios.

We have strong links with the local community and other educational centres. We are an eco-friendly school. We value sport highly and have achieved considerable success in many competitions. We organise regular workshops, visits and have a rich programme of extra-curricular support. There are also two residential trips, one in Year 5 and one in Year 6. We also encourage regular drama and music productions.

I hope this gives you some idea of the school in all its diversity. Please feel free to ring should you require further information

If you would like a prospectus, please ring the school or download it from the website.

I look forward to receiving your application and/or showing you around the school.

Yours sincerely,

Jonathan Cooper
Headteacher