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Dear Candidate,

On behalf of the Governing Body, I would like to welcome you and to invite you to apply for the exciting role as St Matthew's CE Primary School's new Headteacher.

St Matthew's is a wonderful and happy Church of England school that for the last four years has achieved rapid progress after being put into special measures in 2013: only a year later we were proud to be judged by Ofsted as a good school.

Since then the school has focussed upon its strong ambition to becoming an outstanding school and in being able to provide the very best education possible to all our children – as our passionate belief is that every child can be successful.

We very much believe in the importance of the wider curriculum and in providing good quality after school activities – to help ensure that all of our children are given exciting and interesting experiences and opportunities.

We play an active part in the Tunbridge Wells Local Collaborative Trust where best practice, knowledge and expertise are shared.

In line with many schools, one of our challenges is encouraging all our parents to become more involved in their children's education: we have successfully introduced various initiatives such as 'Class Dojo' and 'Buster Book Club', however this is an area where we wish to achieve more.

Naturally, as a Church of England school we would expect that you to have an understanding of, and be in sympathy with our Christian values.

In summary

We are looking for a dynamic and outward looking leader who has the drive and enthusiasm to take up the exciting challenges presented by our unique school and who will lead us to be recognised as an outstanding school.

We believe that we have plenty to offer you too - a chance for you to make a real difference to our school, and work in close collaboration with other school leaders, as well as our wonderful children, a motivated and dedicated teaching and support team, a highly supportive and proactive governing body - and a great welcome.

To experience all that St Matthew's has to offer, please do come and visit us: to arrange a visit please call us on 01892 528098.

On behalf of everyone at St Matthew's CEP School, I would like to thank you for your interest and look forward to meeting you.

Yours sincerely,

Karen Stevenson

Chair of Governors