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Dear Applicant

Thank you very much for your interest in the post of Headteacher at St Mary's Primary School.

St Mary's Primary School provides a welcoming and supportive environment to pupils and staff, encouraging all to aspire to develop their full potential, and to grow as individuals through our strongly held values "Friendship, Trust, Love, Perseverance, Forgiveness, Trust, Thankfulness, Peace" which constitute our School Ethos, and the clear Christian values we maintain.

Our single-form entry school sits on an unusual and well-designed site, which lies just below Dover Castle. The multi-tiered grounds provide excellent outdoor learning opportunities, while the school buildings provide a wide range of teaching areas and have been kept to the highest standards. We have an excellent team of staff who are committed to our children's education and to the development of the school and their own professional practice, and we also benefit from fantastic support from the parents.

We are currently awaiting the outcome of our latest OFSTED Inspection, but a solid groundwork of good to outstanding teaching has been developed over the last few years, and we are confident that we will continue to improve teaching across the curriculum. Challenges in the school come from the high levels of EAL and poor economy within the community.

We are now looking for a Headteacher who will lead the school forward to achieve its ambition of becoming an outstanding school. We are keen to appoint a Headteacher who will join us to advance our vision and to continue to inspire and motivate the whole school community. The appointed Headteacher will be joining an effective and experienced Senior Leadership Team and we invite applicants to explain how they would complement and further enhance this team.

We would encourage you to visit us to experience our vibrant and fun school. We look forward to showing you round our school, and answering any questions you may have. Please telephone the school office (01304 206887) to arrange a visit.

Yours faithfully

Peter D. O'Toole  
Chair of Governors