

# *Trottiscliffe CE Primary School*



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Dear Aspiring Head Teacher of Trottiscliffe CE Primary School,

In its beautiful rural setting, Trottiscliffe CE Primary School is – in the words of an Improvement Advisor who visited recently – ‘a hidden gem in a quintessential English village’.

Although there has been a village school for nearly 300 years, the current 61 pupils – drawn from a very wide catchment area - are taught in three purpose built spacious classrooms, each of which opens on to the natural outdoor environment and playground – the fourth classroom. There is more activity space through a secure gate on to the village playing field. The school is positioned next to both the village hall - which is an excellent asset for school performances to parents - and the tennis courts - another village asset available for after school clubs. There is a great sense of ‘community’ between school, church and village.

The three (currently four each morning), mixed age classes are taught by two full-time members of staff and three-part time members of staff. The appointed Head Teacher will be expected to undertake some teaching on a weekly basis.

The existing Christian ethos, identity and worship of the School encourage each child’s journey to faith within the Anglican foundation.

At our last Ofsted inspection in 2013, the Behaviour and Safety of pupils was judged to be ‘Outstanding’. In discussions with the Lead Inspector, pupils reported that ‘they {the pupils} love being part of a small community where everyone knows everyone else’. As one pupil commented, ‘I can make really good friends here because we all get on’.

The dedicated and seemingly tireless members of the Trottiscliffe School Association (PTA), organise a number of excellent social events for everyone to enjoy – last year’s Bonfire Night alone raised an amazing £5,000 to extend the school’s IT provision.

The Governors are seeking to ensure the future stability of the School via excellent outcomes for the children, a rigorous control of the budget, and active, imaginative marketing and promotion of the school in the wider community.

The children, parents, staff and Governors are justly proud of our school. Do come and see us in action, and decide whether you would like to become part of the dedicated and ambitious team of staff and governors at the School. We would be delighted to welcome you and show you around. I know you would enjoy the experience.

Sincerely,

Mrs Anita Parkins

*Top Tip for Applicants - Trottiscliffe is pronounced Trosley*

*Learning Together ~ Believing Together ~ Achieving Together*