

Joydens Wood Junior School



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Dear Headteacher Candidate

My hope is that, as you are reading this there is something that interests you in leading our school. Joydens Wood Juniors is a true community school in every sense of the word. The Joydens Wood estate is surrounded by fields to one side and woodland to the other yet is completely accessible from inner London, the M25 and Thames Gateway. The woodland is a great resource for school life with annual whole school 'walks in the woods' being a particular highlight. We also have a small wooded area within the school, where previously we have housed chickens, grown pumpkins and explored for all manner of insects.

On occasion this has contributed to part of our Mantle of the Expert programme, of which we follow: <http://www.mantleoftheexpert.com>. We have followed the Mantle of the Expert programme for a number of years having, over time, trained a number of staff members in its methodology and practices. It has been an incredibly inclusive form of teaching and learning. Every year we organise set weeks when the whole school combines and works on a single project. Covering all aspects of the curriculum in one topic, engages with every child in the school in working towards one common goal.

We are a three-form entry junior school positioned on the same site as Joydens Wood Infants. We are separate, but very much conjoined, with an understanding that our families are likely to come into contact with both establishments and therefore work closely together within the community. We link through many forms of extra-curricular activities, be that inflatables day, Christmas or Easter fairs, for example. We have a comprehensive list of before, lunchtime and after school clubs, including all forms of sport, art, language, homework and Glee choir, as well as regular performances and parent invitations. We are proud of our children's work and experiences. For us communication and sharing is key.



We're working towards Artsmark Awarded by Arts Council England



We believe we are well staffed with a dedicated Deputy Headteacher, experienced teaching staff, support assistants and office staff (a total of 46 full time and 4 temporary contract staff), a fully supportive Governing Body, proactive PTA and quite frankly, some lovely families.

For more information please view our website (www.joydens-wood-junior-school.kent.sch.uk). We would be glad to show you around the school – there really is no better way to get a true feel for it than to see our environment on a working day. If you would like to make arrangements to visit the school, please get in touch with our Office Manager.

I look forward to receiving and reading through your application.

Thank you for considering our school.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Matt Green', with a stylized, cursive style.

Matt Green

Chair of Governors