

ST MARY'S
Church of England Primary School

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Dear Applicant,

I'm so glad you're considering applying to become the Headteacher at St Mary's Primary School in Dover!

This is a great moment to come and lead our school. It's sound, strong, stable and well-organised and has successfully responded to the challenges implicit in our high levels of EAL by enabling each child to make good progress. We now need someone who can build on these excellent foundations to help make our good school great.

If you've got the flair, imagination and passion then you will have all the support and opportunity you need to make that happen. In particular, the moment is ripe for creative strategies that will enable higher standards of achievement using our solid results as a springboard. We think it's a realistic goal to see that happening across the school in English, Mathematics and handwriting but also across the whole curriculum for our more able pupils.

So for the right person, there is here the possibility of making an immediate and focused impact!

Underpinning these aspirations is our Christian ethos, which is fundamental to creating an atmosphere in which all can flourish and develop their full potential. Our values of *Friendship, Trust, Love, Perseverance, Forgiveness, Thankfulness and Peace* are not just theory; they are expressed in all that we do; interwoven into the very fabric of our interactions with one another. So they'll need to sit easy with you too and shape how you lead us.

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 delight in the supportive and welcoming environment fostered here and the creativity displayed in every corridor and classroom

So if you've read this far, please pick up the phone and arrange to come and see for yourself! Call 01304 206887 to arrange a visit, either the Vice-Chair of Governors or myself will endeavour to be available when you do.

So my very best wishes in your search for a new direction in your career.

Revd Dr John Walker

Chair of Governors