



**Weekend Stock Keeper**  
**Westlands Secondary School**  
**Information**





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# Welcome

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for expressing an interest in joining us at The Westlands School.

I hope this pack will give you a flavour of what it is like to be part of our successful and dynamic school. However, you are very welcome to come and visit us during the school day to see for yourself why we are so proud of the students and staff who make up our school community.

We are a large, non-selective secondary school in the town of Sittingbourne, situated on an extensive site that boasts plenty of open green spaces for our pupils and our own school farm. We have also benefited from significant investments in new buildings that complement the more traditional parts of the school.

Our school has a well-established local reputation for success that is built on an inclusive, nurturing and aspirational learning environment; we are oversubscribed in every year group and have a large and thriving Sixth Form.

At Westlands, traditional values concerning personal responsibility, excellent behaviour and hard work are combined with a strong sense of community that encourages kindness and care for one another. This ethos is encapsulated by the school's RADAR system which promotes Respect, Achievement, Diversity, Aspiration and Resilience.

Our staff lead by example and work hard to ensure that our students and our colleagues feel happy, valued and supported. We believe that this is one of the reasons why successive Ofsted reports have praised the 'strong relationships between staff and pupils'. Indeed, why the most recent report stated that 'the school is a harmonious environment'.

All new colleagues at Westlands are made to feel welcome, with their own tailor-made induction package. The professional development of staff is one of our top priorities and we offer all our staff an extensive package. This ranges from a highly praised ECT induction package to nationally recognised programmes (including the Outstanding Teacher Programme and the Outstanding Leaders in Education).

If you would like to find out more about our school, our curriculum and our facilities, please visit our website ([www.westlands.org.uk](http://www.westlands.org.uk)).

Please do not hesitate to contact us if have you any questions or would like to know more about the role.  
Yours faithfully,



Christina Honess  
Headteacher

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# Job Description

**Job Title:** Weekend Stock Keeper  
**Grade:** SAT A  
**Responsible to:** Farm Leader

**Purpose of Job:**

To provide weekend care of farm livestock, both on and off school site.

**Main duties and responsibilities (Accountabilities)**

- Provide care and maintain welfare of School Farm and domestic livestock, both on and off school site
- Lone working
- Caring for animals, both on school site and when animals are housed offsite
- Feeding, watering, mucking out as required, ensuring the highest standards of animal welfare are achieved
- Informing Farm Leader when supplies require replenishing
- Reporting any concerns regarding the health of the animals, or Farm buildings to the Farm Leader or Farm Technician as soon as possible
- Lone working – to maintain contact with the Farm Leader and or Farm Technician via WhatsApp and you should have the means to contact a third party if you encounter difficulty or danger
- To hold and maintain a First Aid qualification
- To observe all Health and Safety requirements as directed by the Farm Leader
- To represent the School and Trust in a professional and positive manner at all times
- Undertake any other duties that may be assigned from time to time.

This job description sets out the key outcomes required. It does not specifically detail the activities required to achieve these outcomes. In consultation with you, the job description may be changed by the Headteacher to reflect or anticipate changes in the job commensurate with the grade and job title.

Swale Academies Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. This post is exempt from ROA and will require an enhanced DBS disclosure.



# Person Specification

Qualifications	Essential / Desirable
First Aid at Work	D
Knowledge & Skills	
An understanding of the importance of safeguarding	E
Full driving licence and use of own car	E
Ability to work in an organised and responsible manner alone and with others	E
Handling livestock	E
Experience	
Relevant practical experience	E
Background in Farming	D
Personal Attributes	
A passion for livestock and farming	E
Happy to work alone or as part of a team	E
Physically fit	E





# Working at Westlands School

Westlands offers a stimulating, supportive and rewarding working environment, where all staff are valued and where you will have the opportunity to access a range of excellent professional opportunities to support your progression.

## Benefits

- Enhanced Maternity Pay
- Local Government Pension Scheme – with a generous employer contribution
- Salary Sacrifice Shared Cost AVC (Additional Voluntary Contribution) Scheme
- Employee Referral Recruitment Incentive
- Access to training and development
- Discounts with local and national retailers, cinemas and restaurants

## Well-Being

- Employee Assistance Programme – Wellbeing and advice
- Cycle to Work scheme

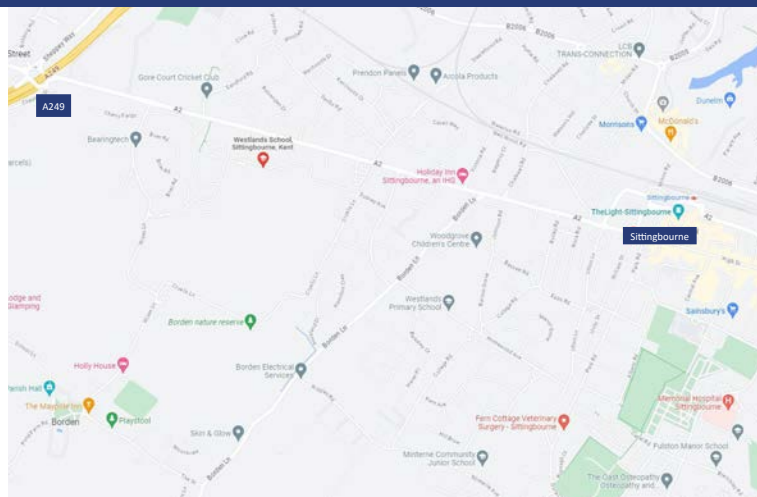
# Finding Us

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[westlandsoffice@swale.at](mailto:westlandsoffice@swale.at)

**Closest Train Station: Sittingbourne Station**  
Approx. 27 minute walk

**Closest Bus stop:**  
The Billet (From A249/Medway) - 328, 334, X3  
The Billet (From Sittingbourne/Sheppey) - 328, 334, X3







## The Application Process

Applications will only be accepted from candidates completing the appropriate application form. All sections of the form which are applicable to you must be completed as clearly and fully as possible.

Please note CVs will not be accepted in place of a completed application form.

Application forms can be found on the Kent-Teach website and applications should be made via this route. Alternatively, completed [SAT Application Forms](#) can be sent by email to [wssrecruitment@swale.at](mailto:wssrecruitment@swale.at) or by post to the following address:

Mrs Ellen Apps  
Westlands Secondary School  
Westlands Avenue  
Sittingbourne  
Kent  
ME10 1PF

## The Shortlisting and Interview Process

After the closing date for this post a panel will conduct the shortlisting process. You will be selected for interview based entirely on the contents of your application form, it is therefore important that you fully read the Job Description and Person Specification prior to completing your form.

After the shortlisting process has been completed candidates who have been selected for interview will be informed, and provided with full details of the interview programme. If you have not heard from us within 10 working days of the closing date for this post, you have, on this occasion, unfortunately been unsuccessful.

All candidates who are invited to interview must bring the following original documents:

- Documentary evidence of right to work in the UK
- Visual identification which includes a photograph, usually a passport or driving licence
- Documentary proof of current name and address
- Where appropriate any documentation evidencing change of name
- Certificates of educational or professional qualifications that are necessary or relevant for the post

## Conditional Offer

Any offer of employment will be conditional upon a number of formalities, including, but not restricted to the following:

- Verification of right to work in the UK
- Receipt of two satisfactory references
- Verification of identity checks and qualifications
- Satisfactory enhanced DBS check, as well as additional checks that may be appropriate if you have worked or been resident overseas in the previous five years
- Satisfactory pre-employment health clearance
- A check against the Teacher Service Register for any teaching prohibition or restriction orders where you are applying for a teaching role or if you have previously held a teaching role in past employment.





## **Safeguarding**

Our Trust has robust safer recruitment procedures to help prevent unsuitable people from working with children.

All individuals working in any capacity at our Trust will be subjected to safeguarding checks in line with the statutory guidance Keeping Children Safe in Education.

Swale Academies Trust schools will conduct an online check of shortlisted candidates in line with the Keeping Children Safe In Education guidelines.

## **Retention of information**

All information is stored securely and any information supplied by unsuccessful candidates will be destroyed through the confidential waste system after six months from the date of the interview, in accordance with our retention of records procedure.

## **Privacy Notice**

Please refer to the Trust's [Privacy Notice](#) for job applicants for information about how we use any personal data about them we hold.



# Overview of Swale Academies Trust

Since its creation in September 2010, Swale Academies Trust has developed into one of the South East's leading Multi-Academy Trusts.

Our purpose is to develop good and outstanding schools and ensure the rapid improvement of schools with challenges.

As the Trust has grown and developed, we continue to ensure that effective school support and leadership is maintained. The Trust's approach to school improvement is based on a combination of CPD, capacity building and collaboration, with a relentless focus on teaching and pupil progress, in order to effect rapid and sustained improvements in outcomes for young people.

The Trust is an organisation which is driven by the belief that all children deserve a good quality education where they are seen as individuals and above all are exceptionally well cared for.

## Swale Academies Trust - Schools

### Primary

- Beaver Green Primary School, Ashford
- Istead Rise Primary School, Istead Rise
- James Dixon Primary School, Bromley
- Langney Primary Academy, Eastbourne
- Parkland Infant School, Eastbourne
- Parkland Junior School, Eastbourne
- Regis Manor Primary School, Sittingbourne
- Shinewater Primary School, Eastbourne
- South Borough Primary School, Maidstone
- Westlands Primary School, Sittingbourne

### Secondary

- Meopham Secondary School, Meopham
- Peacehaven Community School, Peacehaven
- The Eastbourne Academy, Eastbourne
- The Holmesdale School, Snodland
- The North School, Ashford
- The Sittingbourne School, Sittingbourne
- The Turing School, Eastbourne
- The Whitstable School, Whitstable
- Westlands Secondary School, Sittingbourne

## Central Support Services

- Human Resource Team
- Finance Team
- ICT Team
- Estate Management
- Governance and Communications





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