

Letter from our Chair of Governors

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for expressing an interest in applying for the position of headteacher at our wonderful school. We are very proud of our school and hope that it is somewhere you would like to be part of too.

Saxon Wood is a special school for primary aged children, with an attached nursery, for children with physical disabilities, associated learning and medical needs.

Ofsted report that pupils with complex needs thrive at our school, which has particular strengths in augmented and alternative communication. It provides a wide and varied curriculum with challenging but realistic goals for its pupils. There are strong partnerships between staff and parents, governors and health service professionals. Consequently families feel, and are, very well supported and the needs of their children are met well. The variety of needs that the children have makes this a particularly special 'special' school.

We are a unique school with a strong family and community ethos. We are looking for a dynamic professional who embraces this ethos, has a **strong strategic vision** and **proven leadership skills** to carry the school forward from January 2020 as our current head is retiring.

The Governing Body would like to appoint a dynamic and ambitious Headteacher with the vision to build on Saxon Wood's current high standards. We are looking for someone with an open mind to new technologies and can bring new ideas to aid our drive forward. You will provide evidence of excellent people management and interpersonal skills which demonstrate an ability to motivate, inspire and engage all stakeholder of the school. The successful candidate will be supported by an able and dedicated Senior Leadership Team.

We would like to encourage candidates to visit the school in order to gain an understanding of our ethos, meet staff and pupils and see first hand our very special 'special' school. Visits can be arranged by either telephone or e-mail: adminoffice@saxonwood.hants.sch.uk (Tel 01256 356635). Please note the different arrangements for the application process.

Thank you again for your interest in the position, and I look forward to receiving your application.

Yours sincerely,

Ben Walton

Chair of Governors