



NOREMARSH
JUNIOR SCHOOL

Recruitment Pack



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LEARNING TRUST

Welcome, from the Head

Dear Candidate

Thank you for taking the time to view this application pack. This is a unique opportunity for the right candidate to join our warm and welcoming community, which is part of the successful Ascend Learning Trust. Our new school values of Ambition, Belonging and Compassion, are lived out throughout our school, through our curriculum, in the interactions taking place in our classrooms and beyond. Our Vision for the school is to create a community where everyone belongs, where our children feel safe to be confident and ambitious, and where we work together with kindness and respect. We want to hear from candidates who share our vision and values and who have the commitment and enthusiasm to work tirelessly alongside our incredibly supportive team to achieve success for all our community.

We look forward to reading your application.

With Warmth

Hilary MacMeekin
Headteacher

About our School

We are a two form entry junior school in the heart of Royal Wootton Bassett.

We have strong links to both Royal Wootton Bassett Academy, which the majority of our children transfer to at the end of year 6 and Wootton Bassett Infants where the majority of our children typically start their educational journey.

We pride ourselves on creating a happy and warm community that enables children to reach their full potential on this step of their education.

At Noremarsh we believe that every child in our community has the right to be inspired by an engaging and purposeful curriculum.

Our school is located in the heart of a rich historical and geographical region and we are developing our curriculum to reflect that. It is a really exciting time for us as a team as we are shaping a curriculum that is ambitious and engaging for all.

We are very proud of the caring and nurturing environment at Noremarsh where kindness runs like a golden thread through all we do.

This can be seen across our school from the warm welcome our office team provide to the interactions between all our year groups on the playground.

We have developed our year six responsibilities and appoint Ambassadors, Sports Leaders and Librarians who have whole school responsibilities, are responsible for mentoring younger children and act as role models across our school community.

We look forward to welcoming you to Noremarsh!

About the Ascend Learning Trust

The Ascend Learning Trust formed in 2017 and is a successful Trust with seven schools geographically spread across Wiltshire and Swindon.

The values of Compassion, Respect and Ambition are those which are essential in the Ascend Learning Trust and we are dedicated to ensuring every pupil achieves above and beyond their potential with secure and enduring relationships with and within each Academy in the Trust.

We offer Compassion – to understand and recognise the needs of the many members and stakeholders of each Academy whose lives will be enhanced and enlightened through their experiences in and out of the classroom.

We seek and offer Respect for the traditions, knowledge and experiences gained over many years in our Academies through developing and supporting both staff as they progress their careers in school and pupils on leaving school.

We seek and hold Ambition for our Ascend Learning community for the future, its economic development, its safety, its ability to thrive, to be a great place to learn and to work and to have a vibrant educational community with amenities for all age groups.

As a member of our staff you will share our values of **Compassion, Respect and Ambition** working to achieve our shared mission of offering **Excellence for All**.

Each Academy and its staff seek to strengthen each other, sharing good practice and building capacity whilst maintaining its own identity and working with its own community.

We encourage applications from strong individuals who are passionate about providing opportunities for young people in our community, if you have the vision, energy and determination we welcome an application to join our Trust.

Work for Us

As well as our commitment to staff development opportunities we also offer a wide range of services which support your employment journey with us, these include:

Professional Development

The aim is for our offer and indeed entitlement for staff to receive the very best possible opportunity. Investing in our staff is investing in our future. The structures on offer will focus on professional learning and look at highly effective strategies that work in the classroom.

In addition, there will be a thematic approach to your development so that you can choose the most appropriate areas for your development. These themes will focus on Teaching and Learning, Leadership, and Coaching and Communication, and can either be taken in isolation or combined to increase your overall level of practice.

Benefits

We also offer an excellent staff benefit package which include discounts on high street stores, restaurants, cinemas and gyms as well as having a wellbeing hub and a cycle to work scheme. Examples of great discounts currently on offer include:

- 10% off Eyewear
- 20% off Gym Membership
- 25% off monthly subscription to online gym memberships
- Hundreds of offers and discounts and cashback on local and national stores
- On site flu vaccinations
- Teachers and Wiltshire Pension scheme
- Generous annual leave for support staff up to 31 days + 8 bank holidays per year (with 5 years' service)

Wellbeing

We are committed to ensuring all staff have a safe environment to work in and we promote good health and wellbeing. As a signatory of Mindful Employer we are committed to reducing the stigma attached to mental health and work with schools to develop a strategy for wellbeing for each school.

This includes:

- Developing a wellbeing statement which focuses on the commitment to support staff health and wellbeing,

- Providing opportunities to ensure there is a trained mental health first aider in each school,
- Supporting staff through a dedicated EAP which offers counselling, CBT courses and advice and guidance to all staff,
- Offering OH support to ensure staff are supported when required.

References

We will require two satisfactory references before a job offer is confirmed; one of which must be your line manager / headteacher in your present or most recent employment.

If you are at school/college or are leaving university, please give details of the name and address of your Headteacher or tutor.

Please remember to check that your referees are actually available to provide a reference, as failure to do this could cause a delay in confirming your appointment.

All staff are required to undertake employment checks which include:

- References (for all staff and volunteers)
- Right to work in the UK (ID check)
- Qualification checks
- Barred List check
- DBS check (for all staff and volunteers)
- Childcare Disqualification check (primary only)
- Online Search checks
- Health checks

Ascend Learning Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. We particularly welcome applications from under-represented groups including ethnicity, gender, transgender, age, disability, sexual orientation, or religion.

Please note any position that involves working with children requires declaration of ALL convictions/cautions regardless of whether these are deemed as spent and a DBS check will be carried out before any employment commences.

References will be obtained before interview at shortlisting stage and may be used in the interview process. If previous employment has included working with children, then at least one referee must be from this employment regardless of whether this is the current or most recent employment. Any gaps in employment must be detailed and an explanation provided in the relevant section.