



## Downside Primary School

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**Headteacher:** Miss Karen Hooker

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Dear candidate

Thank you for showing an interest in the Senior Cook vacancy at Downside Primary School. The new cook will be joining a large school kitchen team, led by the Kitchen manager. A key role of the Senior Cook is to lead the team and deputise for the Kitchen manager in her absence.

The school now has total ownership of the school dinners' provision in a project involving three other schools.

The aims of the project are to:

- Improve the nutritional content of school meals;
- Increase the up-take of school meals by children who attend the schools;
- Improve the healthiness of food used in the preparation of meals by the introduction of fresh and/or organically grown produce;
- Reorganise school lunchtimes to impact positively on children's experiences of school;
- Raise educational achievements in schools, and
- Change the eating culture.

The school believes that fresh healthy food is imperative to the wellbeing of our children and therefore most dishes are created from scratch, with limited frozen / processed foods being used. We need a cook who fully embraces our aims and beliefs to join our team and to ensure that our children get the highest quality school dinners.

The role is for 6 hours a day – 8.30am – 2.30pm – 30 hours a week for 39 weeks of the year (38 school weeks and 5 additional days).

I hope that the information above gives you an insight in to our school. If you require any further information, just contact the school and the Kitchen Manager will happily discuss the position in more detail.

The closing date for the post is Midday on 10th July and we are hoping to hold interviews soon after. Should you have not heard by 19th July, you have been unsuccessful on this occasion.

Yours sincerely,



