Letter from Chair of Governors

Dear Prospective Candidate,

On behalf of the Governing Body, staff, pupils and parents and carers at Acorns Primary School I sincerely thank you for considering applying for the post of our Headteacher.

We are all very sad to be saying goodbye to Paula, the outstanding Headteacher who is currently in post, but we are excited to have the opportunity to appoint an exceptional individual to lead our wonderful school.

If you are successful in your application you will be joining a school which was deemed “Outstanding” in all areas by OFSTED in January 2025. We are a school which places our values at the heart of all we do, making sure that every pupil, as OFSTED recognised, is supported “to shine”.

Our staff are incredibly hard working and dedicated. Their well-being is prioritised by leadership and governance and as a result they feel valued and well supported. They always give their best.

Parents and carers “praise the school for its dedication and support” (OFSTED 2025) Our caring and supportive staff and robust systems ensure that they are enabled to work with us in a positive way. Together we celebrate their precious children’s successes and guide them through the challenges they face.

The Person Specification and Job Description provide a comprehensive list of the qualities we are looking for and you should have these in mind if you make an application. I would urge you also to take the opportunity to visit school, study our webpage and read our OFSTED report – all of which should help you with your decision and guide your application.

Whether you decide to apply or not I wish you well in whatever the next steps are for you in your career.

With very best wishes

Mandy Howarth

Chair of Governors