



COURT MOOR SCHOOL

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Dear Candidate

Thank you so much for your interest in the position of Learning Support Assistant. As a young teacher I was lucky enough to get my first job at Court Moor School; I realised even then that it was a very special place. Years later I returned to the school as Deputy Head, although by then the Headteacher, staff and students had all changed - the essential spirit of the school was the same.

Court Moor School has an excellent reputation amongst parents and the wider community - local estate agents advertise houses as being in the 'Court Moor catchment area' as a selling point. This reputation has been built over a number of years and headteachers. The school was awarded an Ofsted 'good' in 2013 with 'outstanding' behaviour, which was recently confirmed with a one day inspection visit. Ofsted noted that the senior team were '*determined and passionate about making high-quality teaching and learning the priority for everybody*' and judged the school to be not only good but with '*many strong features*'. Our ultimate drive is to be one of the best schools in Britain – whether that matches the Ofsted criteria for 'outstanding' or not we will do what we think is best for our students.

The tagline for my leadership of the school is, '*A great place to be, and a place to be great*' which guides my approach to both the staff and student experience. I am determined to make the school a place which values work-life balance, and breeds respect and responsibility between all members of the school community. We are proudly traditional in some aspects of our curriculum and uniform, but not afraid to be innovative in other areas. We have recently developed a partnership with Aldworth School in Basingstoke and this promises to offer a range of additional opportunities for staff and students.

Court Moor takes an innovative approach to SEN which emphasises the importance of students owning their education and accepting that they are not just a passive receiver of help. Over the last few years we have re-designed the role of learning support to empower both the adult team and the students. We have seen improved outcomes as a result and we are very proud of how we build our SEN students into strong independent learners who are ready to tackle the next stage of their education.

Should you find you are still left with questions, then please feel free to arrange an informal chat about the position by calling Janice Vincent or emailing her on jan.vincent@court-moor.hants.sch.uk.

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

Yours sincerely

Mr Paul Jenkins
Executive Headteacher

