Dear Colleague,

Thank you for considering to apply for a teaching post at Wheatlands Primary School, we are pleased that you are interested in joining us. The following information may be useful to you.

We are a happy, forward thinking school with a focus on attainment. Our children are hardworking and enjoy their learning. We believe that self-esteem and self-confidence are vital if children are to succeed in whatever they are doing and, therefore, give a very high priority to developing these essential attributes in every child. As a caring school we take our responsibilities for the safety and welfare of our children seriously, DBS checks are therefore essential.

Wheatlands Primary School offers all its pupils a varied and exciting curriculum. Behaviour in the school is excellent, attendance is above average and parents and governors are very supportive. We have achieved the Gold Science Quality Mark, the Sainsbury’s School Games Gold Award and we have won a Pupil Premium Award twice.

The school was opened in 1993 to serve the Ings housing estate, as the estate has expanded so has the school with 3 extensions added to accommodate the rising number of pupils attending the school. A new housing estate close to the school is currently under construction. The school roll currently stands at 385, with a nursery of 79 part time children. The children are organised into single year groups with 2 or 3 teachers teaching in each year group supported by 2 teaching assistants. Class sizes range from 19 to 31 children. Pupils are drawn mainly from the surrounding estates with the majority of children living in owner occupied properties. At the present time 4.8% of pupils are registered for a free school meal and 9.8% are eligible for Pupil Premium. The school is fully committed to inclusion and currently has two children with an Education Health Care Plan. We attract many children from outside our defined catchment area.

It is hoped that you will be an active member of the school community and support activities across the school both in and out of the school day. We have a recognised commitment to professional development often provided by The Landmark Teaching School Alliance. We also have fully trained mentors who will support new teachers. You will be working as part of a team who will help you with your induction into our school. We converted to be an academy on 1st April 2018 and are part of the newly formed Galileo Multi Academy Trust.

Please state any particular curriculum strengths and other interests you are willing to share with our children. Please note that applications must be made on the Galileo application form.

I look forward to reading your application.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Samantha Fiske
Head Teacher