



HINGUAR PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY



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Dear Applicant

Thank you for showing an interest in the post of Headteacher at Hinguar Primary School and Nursery. I trust you will find the following information useful and that it will encourage you to apply to lead a strong, dedicated team of staff in our very successful and happy school.

We are a one form entry school at the heart of the local community. The school is on two floors, housed within what was an innovative 'new build' some seven years ago. It is, therefore, indicative of the creativity that you will see evident in the curriculum and the work of the children around the school.

We are very proud of our school and the families we serve. Parents are very keen to support their children's learning both within the day and through a wide range of before-school and after-school provision. Our school is a place where:

- we value every child as an individual
- children develop both academically and socially
- we provide a safe, happy and supportive environment
- children and adults work hard and have fun together
- success is built upon relationships that are made between adults and children, home and school and our wider local community.

Our success was evidenced through the Ofsted Inspection in July 2019 when our school retained its 'good' status.

'Parents are highly positive about the work of the school. Nearly half of all parents completed Ofsted's online survey, Parent View, and, of those, almost all would recommend the school to another parent'.

'Teachers ensure that children's activities are designed to target each child's developmental needs. As a result, children currently in the early years, including boys, make good progress in their early reading and writing'.

Our Academy Committee is a supportive body of experienced, dedicated governors, many of whom took the school through to its academy status and place within the Multi-Academy Trust (MAT) – Southend East Community Academy Trust (SECAT). Our school governors are people who want to make a positive contribution to children's education. They are actively involved in many areas of school life and are both approachable and accessible to children, parents and school staff.

Hinguar Primary School has a vibrant 'Friends of Hinguar Association' which raises money for the school to benefit our pupils. All parents are welcome to attend meetings and contribute to the many successful events they hold. The purpose of Friends of Hinguar is:

- to promote and enhance the education of pupils at Hinguar Primary School by enriching the learning opportunities provided,
- to promote open communication and co-operation between staff, parents and the community,
- to provide volunteer assistance to teachers and other staff members,
- to raise funds to further support learning opportunities for all pupils at the school.

We very much appreciate everything that the Friends of Hinguar do to support our school and we know how fortunate we are to have such a caring, committed and enthusiastic parent group that works not only in partnership with the school but also in partnership with each other.

We are proud of all the facilities and resources we have at Hinguar and we are thankful for everything that we have around us. Our proximity to the Thames Estuary offers us many opportunities to take children to the seafront and the local nature reserve is a wonderful place to take the children – to go for a walk, to engage in outdoor activities, to discover different wildlife and to appreciate the beauty of the area in which we are situated.

I hope that the information you have read will inspire and encourage you to find out more. Do come and visit us. Take part in a tour of the school and ask any questions you have. The letter from our CEO contains all the information you need to make the arrangements to come and see us. You will be most welcome.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Geraldine Hansford'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'G'.

Geraldine Hansford
Chair of the Academy Committee