

MERSEA ISLAND SCHOOL

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Supporting Information – Application for the role of Deputy Headteacher

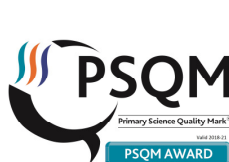
Mersea Island School currently has 437 pupils aged 2-11, this includes a nursery with capacity for up to 48 children. It is the only school on the island, serving a closely knit community. The school is located on Mersea Island, off the coast of Essex and close to Colchester. The area surrounding the school in the town of West Mersea is semi-rural. The island is famous for its oyster cultivation and traditional fishing boats, and has a history of sailing. Pupils derive from a very mixed social background, and many of the pupils have parents and grandparents who attended the school.

The school opened in 1871 on its current site, but has expanded over the years and now sits in 5.5 acres. The accommodation is across seven buildings and includes a new hall, kitchen, reception area, staffroom and offices. We completed a major building project funded through the primary capital programme in 2011, to build two new classrooms and refurbish a further six in order to accommodate our rising pupils on roll in modern, spacious classrooms.

The school has 2 classes in most year groups and staff collaborate on planning and sharing expertise. Some year groups have more than 60 children, so there are additional classes. In all there are 14 classes at present. They are ably supported by a team of teaching assistants. Higher level teaching assistants provide the majority of cover throughout the school. The staff are a close-knit and supportive team who work collaboratively to ensure the best learning opportunities for the children.

Our caring community ethos is integral to everything we do. We expect the highest standards of behaviour and every member of the school community to try their best. Effort is recognised and staff are actively encouraged to seek opportunities for regular professional development. Visitors to our school invariably comment on how polite and helpful our pupils are and on the purposeful learning culture across the school.

We are very lucky to have such a wonderful setting and actively explore opportunities for learning beyond the classroom. We have strong partnerships with the wider community and nurture our pupils to become responsible citizens, independent and resilient learners, with high expectations of themselves and who aspire to be the best they can be. We strive to ensure that our children leave us well prepared for the next stage of their education, as well-rounded and caring individuals, who





feel proud of their achievements and who take with them some very special lifelong memories to cherish.

Our dedicated staff team work tirelessly to ensure we offer both high quality academic provision and personalised pastoral care. We are committed to ensuring every member of the school community feels safe and valued. We work closely in partnership with school governors, parents, families and the local community to ensure that we continue to deliver the very best educational experience for our pupils.

The school's priorities

The school was inspected by OFSTED in July 2016 and judged as good. We are delighted, but far from complacent and continue to forge ahead to ensure that the highest standards are achieved in all aspects of school life.

Appointing a new Deputy Headteacher is a major event for the school. The successful candidate will join a dedicated team. This is an exciting time to join the school as we continue to develop the curriculum and strive to be the best we can possibly be in all areas of the school's work.

We are all very proud of our school and would strongly encourage you to visit, preferably during the school day, so you can truly capture what the school is like in action. Please contact us to make an appointment.

If you require any further information please contact Sharon Jay at the above address or e-mail office@merseaschool.org

Closing date: Wednesday 03 April 2019 (midday)

Interview date: Wednesday 24 April 2019