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Deputy Head Teacher Information Pack



About us

Whittingham is a small traditional Northumbrian village close to the larger towns of Rothbury and Alnwick. The village lies just off the A697 and is situated within an easy distance of about 35 miles travel southwards to Newcastle upon Tyne. The village enjoys a beautiful rural setting with magnificent views of the Cheviot Hills.

Our school serves a wide rural community and catchment area. We pride ourselves that we are warm and welcoming to all. School sits at the heart of its community with active links the local village hall, church and wider community. We have a longstanding local history and our school population includes children of former pupils and grandchildren of staff.



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With 107 pupils on roll our pupil numbers have significantly risen over the past 3 years and continue to grow. A high proportion of children choose to come to our school live outside our catchment area.

We are extremely ambitious for our children, always striving for them to have the best opportunities we can provide and for them to reach their full potential. The dedication of our inspirational staff, the resources available and our broad and balanced curriculum have all been contributing factors in enabling us to have an excellent reputation in the local and wider community. The proportion of our Pupil Premium children and children with SEND are broadly in line with national averages.

We strive to make sure that the time the children spend as part of our school family, is happy and successful. We aim to provide a high standard of education in a supportive, secure and stimulating environment where all children can learn and develop to their full potential. We also seek to build a trusting and well-informed relationship with families.



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The school classes are organised into a Nursery/ Reception- Early Years Class, Year 1 and Year 2 Class, Year 3 and Year 4 Class and a Year 5 and Year 6 Class. Due to the variation in size of individual cohorts of children we review our class organisation every year.

Current staffing includes six teachers (including the Head teacher) and five teaching assistants. Like many small schools in Northumberland, we pride ourselves on the effective links maintained with other schools and we are part of the Alnwick Partnership of schools. This comprises of Primary Schools and our feeder Secondary School.

Staff meet on a regular basis to discuss local and national issues and to attend training. This enables us to ensure that we strive to develop a vibrant, forward-thinking school, whilst developing good relationships with the schools in the area. We work very hard to ensure the move to Secondary School is a smooth one for our pupils and that staff feel valued.

We highly value the importance of leadership, reflected in our prioritising having a Deputy role which is reflected in the salary scale and which provides a great (and increasingly rare) opportunity for career development into senior leadership at our wonderful school.



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Proud Of Our Awards & Achievements



THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

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PROUD TO BE A MUSIC MARK SCHOOL



We are really proud of our school and we believe we are "Wonderful Whittingham"

But don't take our word for it...

'The leadership team has maintained the good quality of education in the school since the last inspection. You have worked closely with your team and the wider school community in leading the school's successful transition from a first school to a primary school.' Ofsted February 2018.

"School is led positively and enthusiastically. ' - Parent

'Children thrive here, both academically and personally' - Parent

'You and your team have expanded pupils' horizons through wider links with universities, workplaces and the wider community to develop pupils' social skills and their awareness of possible next steps in life.' Ofsted February 2018.

'Teachers enhance pupils' learning through regular opportunities to enrich their experience through the wider curriculum. Pupils have numerous opportunities to work outdoors through programmes that develop their understanding of the environment and their local area.' Ofsted February 2018



'Parents and carers, as well as pupils, appreciate the benefits of the wider curriculum as it develops pupils' experience of the world and their personal self-confidence.' Ofsted February 2018.

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'You have worked and continue to work with external partners to raise pupils' understanding of equality and diversity to prepare them for life in modern Britain.' Ofsted February 2018.

'Wonderful school. The staff nurture and develop the children's academic skills as well as their social and emotional well-being.' Parent 2018

'You continue to encourage your team to be forward looking. Your school development plan has long-term goals as you explore how the curriculum and the experiences you provide will equip pupils with the skills, knowledge and personal attributes which will support them in later life...' Ofsted February 2018.

'Fun with great learning experience's ' - Pupil

'A rich curriculum which enhances their knowledge and opportunities'. Parent .

'At the same time, visits to universities and involvement in science events expand their understanding of the wider world and future careers. Pupils have opportunities to develop their cultural awareness by experiencing and participating in theatrical and musical productions. As a result of accessing a comprehensive range of additional activities, pupils develop their self-confidence and their social skills' Ofsted February 2018.

'Whittingham fosters great health and well-being through a range of sports and outdoor learning.' Parent

'Staff strive to achieve the best for all pupils and enable the exceptional flourishing of individual talents. This is generated by inspirational leadership from the headteacher' – SIAMS July 2019

'The headteacher is a passionate advocate for supporting good mental health in both children and adults. She is a qualified 'Thrive' practitioner and has put effective strategies in place to support pupils' mental health'. SIAMS July 2019

'As a parent relatively new to school and the local area I am amazed by the opportunities that the children experience! From singing at The Sage in Gateshead, to cooking and using tools in your Forest School area, running on a Daily Mile Track with Laura Weightman and playing rugby with professional rugby players on your amazing MUGA. Keep up the good work everyone at Whittingham, we cannot wait to see what you have planned for the children next!' Parent 2019.



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'The family feel that prevailed when Whittingham was a First School has continued but as a Primary School things are even better. Teachers work hard to prepare our children for Secondary School and for life.' – Parent 2018

'The staff are an inspiration to the children and their hard work does not go un-noticed' - Parent 2019

'Pupils regard school as being a big family and as a result behaviour is exemplary and relationships between pupils are supportive and loving'. SIAMS July 2019

'Staff feel supported and listened to and appreciate how they are an intrinsic part of the school community.' SIAMS July 2019.

'Initiatives with Stonewall and Show Racism the Red Card are interwoven within the RE curriculum. This enhances pupils' understanding of injustice and what life can be like in the wider community, fostering a sense of aspiration and resilience'. SIAMS July 2019

'My children flourish at this school.' Parent 2019

'School leadership recognises both the benefits and challenges that living in a rural community can pose. The school works proactively with the local community to support the '#iwill' campaign designed to involve young people in social action to make a difference to their communities.' SIAMS July 2019

'With the strong and steady grounding that Whittingham gave my child, she is now able to step forwards and embrace new challenges with confidence'. Parent 2020