



## THE JOHN MOORE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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**SOAR**



**SHARE**



**STRIVE**



**SPARKLE**

Headteacher: Mr Simon Lockley

## Background Information for Candidates

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The John Moore Primary School is a school where pupils come to learn in a positive atmosphere that contributes not only to their academic success, but also to their personal, social and emotional development. This is achieved by the commitment of all staff to the school's shared vision of *'being the very best we can be'*.

Success for The John Moore is based on our school's core values, the 4 S's of 'Soar', 'Share', 'Strive' and 'Sparkle', with a focus on life skills needed for all pupils to lead happy, responsible lives. Our school has a welcoming, friendly ethos and values good behaviour and a stimulating learning environment.

Our school is situated in a pleasant residential area on the outskirts of Tewkesbury. The school predominately receives children from the Wheatpieces Estate and the Walton Cardiff area although some children attend from other parts of Tewkesbury and beyond. At present there are 300 children on roll. The John Moore Primary School is a modern building with 11 individual classrooms and other indoor spaces, such as 'The Sparkle Hub' and 'The Den'. It is set in lovely grounds with a playing field, a large playground and a trim trail. A woodland area has been developed and children have access to a Play Pod at recreational times. We also have an extremely successful oversubscribed governor-led nursery and pre-school located on the school site. A large majority of the children who attend Little Foxes go on to join our Reception classes.

We have a collaborative, hard working and welcoming staff team with a wide range of skills and interests. Teaching staff are well supported by experienced teaching partners. Extra-curricular opportunities include a large number of after-school clubs such as music, sports, cooking and art activities. The school is proud of its wide range of performance opportunities, both within school and in the wider local community, and of its involvement in inter-school sport.

We have high aspirations for our school. We have developed an exciting and inspiring curriculum, including providing opportunities to enhance learning for all our children with visits and visitors. Our English learning is steeped in the Talk for Writing approach and we are a nationally recognised Talk for Writing training centre. As with all schools, we know that there are always areas that can be developed; we are continuously seeking the opportunity to maximise the learning experience of all.

At The John Moore Primary School, relationships are key. We have adopted a restorative approach to supporting children's needs and guiding them with their behaviour. We value strong relationships with governors, parents and the wider community and these also support the children's learning and personal development. We are committed to maintaining and developing these partnerships. We have a strong pupil voice in the school and encourage the children to take responsibility and to become future citizens who can be proud of their contribution to society. This is supported by a wide range of leadership opportunities in the school, including older children supporting younger children to have positive playtimes, our buddy system to support new starters to our school, and our democratically elected School Council and Eco Council. We are a Gloucestershire Healthy Living & Learning School and have previously held the Quality Mark for the Achievement for All programme.

*The John Moore Primary School has a responsibility for and is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people, ensuring that they are protected from harm, and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. This post is subject to an enhanced DBS check.*

### Applying for the post

Please complete the application form and return it to school by **midday on the closing date**. Short-listed candidates will be contacted and invited to interview.