



**The Castle School**  
A SPECIALIST COLLEGE FOR COMMUNICATION & INTERACTION

Come and join our outstanding school. If you want to make a real difference to children's lives and relish the chance to be creative and innovative in a supportive, caring and nurturing school, read on.

Jan 2020

Dear *Applicant*,

I would like to thank you for the interest you have shown in our Teacher vacancy and I very much look forward to receiving your application. The Castle School is a dynamic and exciting hub of learning and has been judged as Outstanding for a second time in our most recent OFSTED visit in January 2019. We are a very open school and a very supportive and nurturing place to work with a highly comprehensive training and induction package. The Castle School is an all-age community special school based in Newbury. We cater for 170 pupils with a diverse range of needs from nursery up to 19 years of age. The school is based on 2 sites in Newbury, our primary and secondary site on Love Lane and our Post-16 Centre near Newbury College.

Due to one of our teachers going on maternity leave we need a new teacher to join our passionate and committed team from 20<sup>th</sup> April 2020. All classes in our school are small and well-staffed.

I am keen to hear from teachers with experience in any phase, be it mainstream primary or secondary as well as from those currently working in special school. The class you will be working with has 9 pupils with 1 teaching assistant (level 3) and 3 support assistants, although highly experienced and skilled in working with the pupils.

We offer a comprehensive and ongoing training and support package.

More information about the school can be found at  
[www.thecastleschoolnewbury.org.uk](http://www.thecastleschoolnewbury.org.uk)

If you would like an informal chat about the role please give me a ring on  
**01635 42976**

The key dates for the recruitment process are:

Closing date for applications: **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2020**

Interview date: **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2020**

References will be requested for short-listed candidates within two days of a final list being drawn up. To prevent delays, it is essential that you have informed your referees that we will be contacting them.

Application forms must be completed in full and applicants should ensure that they have directly addressed the criteria outlined in the person specification. In your covering letter I would also like you to outline what excites you about the prospect of working at The Castle School.

Application forms should be returned either electronically (in .Doc or PDF format please) via email to [finance@castle.w-berks.sch.uk](mailto:finance@castle.w-berks.sch.uk) or by post to *Jon Hewitt, Headteacher, The Castle School, Love Lane, NEWBURY, RG14 2JG* by the end of the day on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2020.

We are extremely proud of our school and would encourage you to visit us. To arrange a visit please contact **Atul Attra** (School Business Manager) on **01635 42976** or email [finance@castle.w-berks.sch.uk](mailto:finance@castle.w-berks.sch.uk) . I am sure you will agree that our open and friendly culture encourages an innovative and caring school.

Yours sincerely



Jon Hewitt (Headteacher)