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Graduate Learning Support Assistant with Aspirations to Teach (Schools Direct)
Learning Support Assistant (Sept 2018 - Aug 2019) School Direct Trainee (Sept 2019 – July 2020)

Closing Date: Noon Friday 9th March Interviews: Friday 16th March (To be confirmed)

Thank you for your enquiry regarding the above post.

These are exciting times for our school. I find myself in the wonderful position of leading a happy, friendly school with well-behaved pupils, a committed and dedicated team of staff with lovely surroundings and classroom environments.

We believe that this position represents an exciting opportunity for a person with a good degree who wishes to gain some further experience as a teaching assistant for 1 year at our school whilst at the same time applying to join the Schools Direct (SD) route into the teaching profession. Our school is an active contributor to a local teaching school's alliance and has recent experience in successfully supporting applicants who have applied for the School's Direct teacher training programme.

If successful with your SD application, we would support you through the year of training by offering a placement here at Portway Junior School as a School Direct trainee. Please note that whilst the placement as a trainee is unsalaried, grants are available. More details can be found on the website www.teachaaa.co.uk

We are seeking to appoint a capable and dedicated person with enthusiasm and energy who is eager to contribute to our school and is committed to further develop themselves by learning from others from within our supportive and friendly team. We very much look forward to welcoming a new person to our team who can bring in new skills and offer new perspectives.

The closing date for applicants is 12.00 noon on **Friday 9th March** and short listing will take place on the same day. Successful applicants will be contacted by e-mail immediately after short listing has been completed and invited to interview on **Friday 16th March** (although this may change depending on number of candidates.)

Applicants should assume that they have been unsuccessful if they have not heard from our school by the date of the interview.

We very much look forward to welcoming a new member to our team who can bring in new skills and offer new perspectives. If you would like to have a look around the school then please get in touch to arrange a visit.

We strongly encourage you visiting our school if at all possible. Please contact me at t.deery@portway-jun.hants.sch.uk if you would like to come and see us.

Finally, may I wish you good luck with your application. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of further assistance to you and I very much look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

Mr Tim Deery
Headteacher

