

A photograph of a stone bell tower, likely part of a church. The tower is constructed from grey stone blocks and has a pointed top. A large bell is visible inside the tower, hanging from a wooden frame. The background is a clear, bright blue sky.

Chew Stoke Church School

Join our Team

Recruitment Information

Welcome

Thank you for your interest in joining the team at Chew Stoke Church School. We welcome applications from all sections of the community; it is by building a strong and inclusive workforce that we can best support the children in our care.

Our school is a welcoming, inclusive family school with a strong Christian ethos, a sense of community and a commitment to achieve the very best for each and every child in our care.

At the core of everything we do is the safety and happiness of our children. We want to ensure that each one of the children is engaged, enthusiastic, secure and confident in their learning. We achieve this by nurturing each child's uniqueness and personalising their individual learning and social needs in order to become lifelong learners.

We provide a nurturing environment that allows pupils and staff to develop and work in a supportive and collaborative environment. We offer Forest School and have a fully trained Forest School Leader. We have adopted a whole school approach called 'Thrive' which supports all of our pupils with their emotional health, well-being and social skills; all of which form a solid foundation for learning to take place.



Vision & Ethos

Confident in Learning, Caring in Life

Jesus said, “Love God, love yourself, love your neighbour” - Luke 10:27

Through our distinctive Christian nature, we acknowledge our responsibility to all of our community, to enrich the lives of others and show love and respect within our school community. We believe in ensuring our children are ‘confident in learning and caring in life’ equipping them to live life today and be well prepared for tomorrow.

Let the words of Christ in all their richness live in your hearts and make you wise”

- Colossians 3:16

Vision and Ethos Statement:

At Chew Stoke Church School, children and their learning are central to everything we do. As a Church School, we aim to serve our community by providing an education of the highest quality within a framework of Christian belief and values. We encourage an understanding of the meaning and significance of faith and promote Christian Values through the experiences we offer to all our children.

Our Christian Values underpin our day to day lives:

Courage - Truthfulness - Friendship - Trust - Compassion - Love
Forgiveness - Humility - Creativity
Hope - Thankfulness - Generosity
Respect - Responsibility - Wisdom
Perseverance - Service - Justice - Peace

About us

In September 2012 the school converted to academy status as a Single Academy Trust - an exciting change in the history of the school. Prior to this, all government funding for the school came through B&NES Council. As an academy that funding now comes from the government direct to the school and the school is able to manage that funding to ensure the very best education continues to be offered to children who learn here. The academy trust has a board of directors (also known as governors). Strong governance sits at the heart of our trust and our Board of Governors meet regularly to oversee and guide our work.

The school underwent a full inspection by Ofsted in October 2014 and a short inspection in June 2018, at which time we were judged to be 'Good'. We also had a Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS) in March 2019, where we were judged to be 'Excellent'

Educational Leadership Team

Our aim is to ensure that every child at Chew Stoke Church School receive the very best teaching. Our Educational Leadership Team is made up of 5 members of staff led by our Headteacher.



Ben Hewett
Headteacher



Vicki Hennessy
Deputy
Headteacher



Carole Hope
Class Teacher &
SENDCO



Kirsty Simmonds
Class Teacher



Sophie Yates
Class Teacher

Working for us

There are many benefits to working at our school.

Supportive Staff Team

We have an extremely supportive and friendly staff team who are keen to share experience and good practice.

Rural setting

Our school is set in beautiful grounds alongside Chew Stoke Brook on the edge of the village of Chew Stoke in the picturesque Chew Valley between Bristol and Bath.

CPD

We place a high priority on professional development. All staff have access to a wide range of training opportunities including membership of the National College.

Car Parking on-site

Free parking is available for staff on-site.

Catering Facilities

We operate dining facilities, providing a variety of hot and cold food options. The food is provided by Edwards & Ward and is reasonably priced, healthy and delicious!

Pension Scheme

All contracted staff are entered into either the Teachers Pension scheme or the Local Government Pension scheme (whichever is appropriate)

Health and Wellbeing Services

Services include 24/7 access to an online GP, Registered Nurse Support, Physiotherapy Services and Mental Health support including Counselling and Stress Coaching.

Application process

Prospective candidates are both encouraged and warmly invited to visit the school. If you would like to take advantage of this, please telephone the School Office on 01275 332354 to arrange.

Application forms are available on our website and should be completed and returned to office@chewstokeacademy.org. Please provide full details of your education and employment history, including any unpaid or voluntary work. Where there are gaps in your employment, please state the reason why (e.g. gap year, career break, unemployed etc)

Use the job description and person specification as your guide and give specific examples, where possible, to demonstrate how your skills and experience match the requirements for this post. We will need details of two referees, one of which must be your current or most recent employer. Please provide their names, work email addresses and daytime contact numbers.

If you have not been contacted within one month of the closing date, please assume you have not been shortlisted. In this case, may we thank you in advance for your interest in this post and wish you the very best for the future.

Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us at office@chewstokeacademy.org or call 01275 332354.

Safeguarding

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. We follow safer recruitment practices and appointments are subject to an enhanced DBS check.

Equality, diversity and inclusion

We are committed to equality, diversity and inclusion and to creating an environment where staff can thrive.